

**Bennington Free Library
Board of Directors
Special Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Bruce Smith (Chair), Kelley Legacy, David Newell, Brian Cunningham, Jon Goodrich, Wendy Sharkey (Director)

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE: Jim Sullivan (Select Board Liaison), Beth Tegart, Deirdre Ryan, Rebecca Sentner, Sarah Blizzard, Mike Munson

MEMBERS ABSENT: PJ Venti

CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Dave Newell and seconded by Brian Cunningham to go into executive session to discuss the bids for the HVAC project. Approved unanimously.

Executive session started.

Executive session ended.

Mike Munson made a motion that after review and extensive discussion the Library should, after confirming with the State grant management team that Project 1 will fulfill the grant requirements, accept the bid for Project 1, and that Naylor & Breen be requested to provide a payment schedule and appropriate bonds. Project 1 is the HVAC system in the 1865 building.

Brian Cunningham seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

SIGNING AUTHORITY ON CONTRACTS

Building contracts require the "Owners" signature. In the case of the Library this would imply that all five Trustees would need to sign.

The Trustees will review and draw up any necessary papers with a lawyer that will allow any two of the five Trustees to sign on behalf of all.

It may be necessary for a representative from the Board to sign in addition. The details will be taken up with the lawyer.

With no further business to conduct Brian Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Newell. Approved.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: (Third Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.)

- April 21, 2026 - Working Meeting
- May 19, 2026 - Full Board of Directors Meeting
- June 16, 2026 - Full Board of Directors Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Sharkey