

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION
Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Arch Room

Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino
Absent: Martha Rennie
Also Present: Allan Spotts, Eileen Branciforte, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m. by Chairman Barbara Grotheer.
2. Roll Call—The presence of the above members was noted.
3. Approval of Agenda—*Marie Roberto moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Wynn Muller seconded. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*
4. Approval of the December 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes—*Margaret Colella moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009, as amended. Seconded by Marie Roberto. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino. Amendment: Under Item 5b. should read: The **Friends of the Library** did a room on Poland...*
5. Reports
 - a. Chairman—Barbara Grotheer noted Marie Roberto and she had a productive meeting on Friday with the First Selectman regarding the referendum which will be discussed later.
 - b. Library Director—Eileen noted the water fountain is out of the box and ready to install, doing good with the downloads, need to work on the Town's website, Chilton's has been used at least a dozen times last month, and purchased a jobs option which is used state wide. Marie Roberto added the concert for library volunteers with The Choral Club of Hartford was very nice. *Marie Roberto then moved to accept the December 2009 Library's Director Report. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*
 - c. Finances—The State Library Grant was cut from \$2,000 to \$1,600. The Friends of the Library will be picking up the cost of baby and toddler time.

Did ask the Library Association to support two programs—having a Mark Twain impressionist and our first community read project. Will be working with the schools, Covenant Village, etc. *Al Dickerson then moved to accept the December 2009 Finance Report. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*

6. Old Business

a. Patron Behavior Policy – follow up. This will be on the Board of Selectmen’s agenda for Wednesday night.

7. New Business—Barbara Grotheer and Marie Roberto met with the First Selectman Friday regarding the referendum which will be held in March. This means we need to, as citizens, urge individuals to get out and vote positively for the referendum. Don’t know how the question on the referendum will be worded. One suggestion was to combine the library with the senior center as one question, the roads another, and then police communications. Marie asked the wording of the question is critical, whatever is written is time sensitive, and to note the \$1,000,000 grant from the State. Barbara Grotheer and Marie Roberto will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting to urge for their support on this issue. Joe Marino asked about the time frame and cost of the project. Marie Roberto noted it depends on when the State bonds and added the need to be “shovel ready” or else another library could receive the funding. The cost would be around \$3.5 million.

Eileen asked Commission members to contact her regarding individuals, groups, etc. that would be helpful in putting out the message of supporting the referendum for the library.

Barbara Grotheer will be getting in touch with the Strategic Planning Committee to set up a meeting.

Eileen will be attending the Friends of the Library meeting on January 21st.

Allan Spotts suggested having a Commission member attend the January 22nd Board of Finance meeting.

8. Announcements—Gerald Seagrave noted the Connecticut Library Association will be holding its conference April 19th and 20th at the Mohegan Sun Conference Center.

Allan Spotts will be the Chairman for the Riverport Festival being held August 26th thru the 29th this year. Will be starting holding meetings in the Community Center at the Police Department in February. He also noted there are RFQ’s out for a new Town Attorney and Economic Development Coordinator.

9. Adjournment— *Marie Roberto moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew
Library Commission Clerk