

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION
Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall – Room 222

REVISED

Record of Votes and Minutes

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

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Acting Chairman Margaret Colella.
2. Roll Call—The presence of the above members was noted.
3. Approval of Agenda—*Wynn Muller moved to approve the agenda for February 8, 2010. Seconded by Marie Roberto. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.*
4. Approval of January 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes—*Wynn Muller moved to approved the January 11, 2010 meeting minutes, as amended. Seconded by Marie Roberto. Amendment: 7. New Business—Marie **suggested** the wording of the question is critical... In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino. Abstained: Martha Rennie.*
5. Reports
 - a. Chairman—Margaret Colella spoke with Chairman Barbara Grotheer regarding elections next month. Barbara would like to step down as Chairperson. Keep this into consideration for next month’s meeting.
 - b. Library Director—Eileen noted being given \$12,000 from CNR to upgrade; i.e., computer wiring, terminals, internet printer, etc. *Marie Roberto then moved to accept the January Library Director’s Report. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.*
 - c. Finances—Eileen noted finances are in good place for this time of the year. She added the “Read Around Cromwell” and Mark Twain impersonator who will be coming in April will be paid for by the Belden Library Association. The grant check from the State Library Grant has been received. Under Capital Expenses we are hoping to do a second self-checkout computer

terminal. The water fountain quoted at \$1,200 came in at \$690. *Martha Rennie then moved to accept the January Library Finance Report. Seconded by Al Dickerson. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.*

6. Old Business—

1/13/2010 BOS Meeting—Eileen attended this meeting. The Patron Policy went through. There were questions by the Board regarding cell phone use. Eileen noted there is a posting—*Please silence your phone or turn it off while in the Library*—at the entrance to the Library. She added Marie Roberto and Barbara Grotheer also attended this meeting.

Marie Roberto spoke regarding the proposed referendum. She noted the State grant funding of \$1 million and that in order to be shovel ready it was necessary to have architectural drawings.

Barbara Grotheer spoke regarding how we arrived where we are and why the library expansion is needed.

1/30/2010 Town Capital Long Range Plan Meeting—Eileen attended. It is believed the Library's referendum question will be jointly with the senior center. Martha Rennie asked if town staff meetings were held on a regular basis. Eileen stated once a month.

7. New Business—

2010-2011 Budget and CNR Request and Revenue-Submission—Eileen has submitted the budget. Budget workshops will be coming up. The CNR request is due to leaks in the Library's roof.

DVD Policy—Proposed changes to the DVD policy were discussed. Changes were made and *Marie Roberto moved to approve the Cromwell Belden Public Library DVD Policy, as amended. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie. Amendments: A Library cardholder may borrow a reasonable number of DVD titles at one time. DVD's designated as NEW are limited to one (1) DVD per card at a time. And—DVD's rated "R" may be borrowed by minors with parent's permission on file at the Library.*

8. Announcements—Margaret Colella noted the Strategic Planning Committee will now be the Planning Committee of the Belden Library Association. This change took place at a Library Association meeting held just prior to this meeting.

February 18th will be “Snapshot Day” at the Cromwell Belden Public Library where pictures will be taken at libraries across the country.

9. Adjournment—*Martha Rennie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew
Library Commission Clerk