

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

Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie (arrived @ 7:37 p.m.)

Also Present: Eileen Branciforte, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order—Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Barbara Grotheer.
2. Roll Call—Presence of the above members was noted.
3. Approval of Agenda—*Marie Roberto moved to approve the agenda for March 8, 2010. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*
4. Approval of Revised February 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes—*Marie Roberto moved to approve the Revised February 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Al Dickerson. Amendment: Under Item #8: Should read ...where pictures will be taken at libraries across the **State**. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino. Abstained: Barbara Grotheer.*
5. Reports
 - a. Chairman—Barbara Grotheer noted Wynn Muller has resigned from the Library Commission. She wrote a letter thanking Wynn for his service on the Commission since 2002.

Barbara noted the town meeting is scheduled for March 22, two weeks from tonight. Hoping they will approve a referendum. Referendum is currently scheduled for March 31st. We should have more information by our next meeting. The Planning Committee of the Belden Library Association will be meeting this week and will make some decisions on what they are going to do about future events.
 - b. Library Director—Eileen reviewed her February Library Report.

The mini book sale before Valentine’s Day was a success raising about \$348. (Martha Rennie arrived.)

Library self-evaluation forms were distributed to part-time workers. Eileen will be meeting with them this month.

Eileen distributed a flyer on a free program on the book *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson being held on March 25, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the library with David Garnes, freelance writer (copy attached).

Marie Roberto then moved to accept the February 2010 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Joe Marino. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.

c. Finances—Eileen noted capital expenses are pretty well tapped out. Put \$1 in for internet and equipment to keep those line items open. Have around \$400 left from the water fountain. An exterminator is being hired for termites in the front lobby and the library will be getting painted soon.

Martha Rennie then moved to accept the February 2010 Finance Report. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.

6. Old Business—Eileen stated the budget was presented to the Board of Selectmen workshop on Wednesday. The next step will be to the Board of Finance mid-April.

Marie Roberto noted clarification needed to be made regarding a letter to the editor by Rebecca Bergeron in the Cromwell Chronicle. The Town does not have a grant writer. The grant was written by Eileen Branciforte, Barbara Grotheer, and Marie Roberto with help from Schoenhardt Architects. Barbara Grotheer will follow up with a letter to clarify this issue for any readers of the Chronicle and how this funding came about.

Discussion also followed on how much Commission member could participate in promoting the Library referendum. It was agreed if someone questions this issue, a State Statute needs to be cited to verify this question.

7. New Business—

a. Election of Officers—

Marie Roberto nominated Al Dickerson for Chairman of the Library Commission. Hearing no other nominations, Marie Roberto motioned to close and nominating Al Dickerson for Chairman, seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie.

Margaret Colella nominated Barbara Grotheer for Vice Chair of the Library Commission. Hearing no other nominations, Margaret Colella motioned to close nominating Barbara Grotheer for Vice Chair, seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Joe Marino, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.

8. Announcements—A tour of the Library will be held at next month's regular meeting on April 12th.

Margaret Colella reminded members there will be a Belden Library Association meeting next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Connecticut Library Conference is coming up in April being held at the Mohegan Sun Conference Center.

9. Adjournment—*Martha Rennie moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Joe Marino. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Joe Marino.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew
Library Commission Clerk