

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION  
Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
Arch Room

Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie (arrived @7:40 p.m.), Al Dickerson (arrived @ 7:42 p.m.)

Also Present: John Flanders – First Selectman, Eileen Branciforte, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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. Margaret Colella seconded. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson. Amendment: Add 6. b. Long-Range Planning.*
4. Approval of November 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes—*Wynn Muller moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009. Seconded by Marie Roberto. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.*
5. Reports
  - a. Chairman—Barbara Grotheer sent letters to Al Spotts and Fran Monnes thanking them for their contribution to the Library Commission. First Selectman, John Flanders, and Allan Spotts will be the liaisons for the Library Commission. The Commission's new member will be Joe Marino. Welcome all.
  - b. Library Director— Marie Roberto inquired about the status of the water fountain. Eileen noted just signing off on that today. Eileen added: Going to have the Mark Twain impressionist at the Library on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The concert Thursday night had an attendance of around 50 people. The Library did a room on Poland at the Historical Society's open house for Christmas. Expect to get a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council to defray costs of the Library's portion on a program involving the community and working with the school librarians on the book "*Three Cups of Tea*" by Greg Mortenson

and David Oliver Relin. This program will start in January, be read over vacation, and have various discussions following. Also working on getting kinks resolved on the web page. *Marie Roberto moved to accept the Library Director's Report for November. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.*

c. Finances—Eileen noted under Other Capital Expenses that a new computer arrived today and the water fountain will be added to this line item. The State Grant line item is still a go as far as Eileen knows. *Martha Rennie moved to accept the November Financial Report. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.*

## 6. Old Business

a. Patron Behavior Policy—A discussion followed on the hand out for Patron Policy Rules. Changes were noted and changed to read as follows:

- Consuming food, non-alcoholic drinks with lids permitted except where posted.
- Bringing in bicycles.
- Larger font for General Statutes.
- Noting approval date.

*Marie Roberto then moved to approve the Library Rules as corrected. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.*

b. Long-Range Planning—Eileen attended this meeting last Friday morning. Under discussion were items that would be coming up—the roads, police communication, etc. It was clear that the roads could take up all the money. Marie Roberto inquired whether the referendum question for the Library could be stated as being contingent upon receiving the State Grant and that it needs to be “shovel ready” or else another library could receive the funding if we are not “ready to roll”. Barbara Grotheer will speak to the First Selectman regarding the referendum. It was agreed we need to be ready for action. Martha Rennie added the Library was built in 1984 for 20 years—it is now 25 years—and the population is growing.

7. New Business—The Commission went over the Library's regular meeting dates for 2010.

8. Announcements—None.

9. Adjournment— *Marie Roberto moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew  
Library Commission Clerk