

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION
Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Children's Program Room

Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts, Al Dickerson (arrived @ 7:35 p.m.)
Also Present: Fran Monnes-Board of Selectmen Liaison, Eileen Branciforte, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Barbara Grotheer.
2. Roll Call—The presence of the above members was noted.
3. Additions to the Agenda—None.
4. Approval of Agenda—*Motion by Martha Rennie to approve the March 9, 2009 agenda. Seconded by Allan Spotts. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts.*
5. Approval of February 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes—*Motion by Wynn Muller to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009, as amended. Seconded by Marie Roberto. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Al Dickerson. Abstained: Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts. Amendments: 7.a. Should read: might need a new CPU **or** monitor... 7.b. Should read Monica **Marselli**... 7.b. Should read Mr. **Lushington** not Washington; and, (7.b.) we **were awarded** the grant... 10. Should read Marie **Roberto**.*
6. Reports
 - a. Chairman—No report.
 - b. Library Director—Eileen distributed the February 2009 Library Director's Report. She added: The replacement cost for the water fountain is still in the budget; the temperature in the Library is too hot and a solution for that problem is being looked into; and, new low energy lighting has been installed in the Library. *Marie Roberto then*

moved to accept the February 2009 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts, Al Dickerson.

- c. Finances—Eileen distributed the February 2009 Library Director's Report. Eileen noted individuals who had steps before June 30th will get their raises. After that, don't know. Also added didn't know when would received State grant money. *Martha Rennie moved to accept the February 2009 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts, Al Dickerson.*

7. Old Business

- a. FY 2009-2010 Budget Update—Eileen distributed the Original Budget Submission and the First Selectmen's Recommended Budget. The Board of Selectmen passed the budget with a -.023% decrease. The Substitute Library Worker was eliminated as well as salary decreases in a few other positions. The next step is going through the Board of Finance - public hearing to be held April 2nd at the Middle School.
- b. Strategic Planning Committee Update—Barbara Grotheer noted holding a few meetings since March 6th. They have been discussing things can do to move forward. One item is to put together a poster to promote the library which would include positive input taken from last year's survey. Wynn Muller has been working on a contact list of town organizations and updating their contacts. Also waiting on bonding.

Marie Roberto contacted Paul Doyle and Jim O'Rourke asking for their support. She did some on-line investigating and found funding budget monies for roads/construction for Cromwell. What the Governor's office is doing regarding bonding still isn't known.

8. New Business

- a. Fines—Eileen did some research and found our fines were a little lower than other libraries. We charge 5 cents per day. Considering going to 10 cents per day with a limit of \$5 instead of \$2 to be in line

with other libraries. Will bring a specific proposal to the next meeting to vote on.

9. Announcements

Helene Loveless – Eileen read a letter from the estate of Helene Loveless in which she leaves the library \$500 for the print collection. She had a great love for the Audubon and gardening which will be perfect to purchase books on “green” resources.

Connecticut Library Association Conference 4/29/09 – 5/1/09 in New Haven.

Middlesex Country Libraries Greening Our Valley update:

1. May 2, 2009 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends of the Library Book Sale being held in the Arch Room.
2. Middlesex Community College Earth Fest 5/17/09 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
3. Bottlemania by Elizabeth Royte “Book Event” – 6/09 in Clinton.

10. Adjournment—*Allan Spotts moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Wynn Muller. In favor: Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Marie Roberto, Wynn Muller, Martha Rennie, Allan Spotts, Al Dickerson.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew
Library Commission Clerk