

Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016
7:30 p.m.
Arch Room

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Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer,
Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie (arrived 7:35 p.m.)
Absent: Library Director, Eileen Branciforte; Al Dickerson, Diane Mongold
Also Present: Lois Meltzer, Children's Librarian; Gerald Seagrave

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the May 9, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton.*
3. Approval of April 11, 2016 Minutes--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes, as amended. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie. Amendments: (1) Page 2, 1st sentence, top of page: Martha Rennie noted that the Commission wants to be involved in and **supports** this project; (2) 6. a. 1st sentence should read: Marie Roberto received a list of architects from **the State Library** by Gerald Seagrave....; (3) 6.a. last sentence should read: Marie will keep channels of communication open and will deal **directly** with Mayor Faienza; and (4) 7. Should read: There is a hard copy of it in the Library and **it can also be reviewed** on line.*
4. Citizen's Comments--Gerald Seagrave attended the Connecticut Library Association Conference on Thursday, April 21st at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. He gave a brief overview of the workshops that he attended. --Workshops entitled, "The Answer is Yes - Positive Service"; "Building the Village"; and, "Reaching for the Future: Connecticut State University".
5. Town Council Liaison Comments--None.
6. Reports:
 - a. Chairman--Marie Roberto read a letter that was sent to all Boards and Commission Chairmen from the Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore. Marie also thanked Lois and the staff for all their hard work.

b. Library Director--Lois highlighted the following for April 2016: (1) Chris Smith is working 20 hours per week; (2) Myla Christie is working three days between 15 and 20 hours per week. Her role is to fill in for Children's Programming up to age 12. Lois is very pleased with having Myla on board; (3) Noted concern staffing for the first two weeks in July; (4) Trying to bring more science into the Children's Department; (5) The Friends of the Library have sponsored two new projects: Duplo LEGO table which has been set up in the Children's Department and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Early Literacy Program. Lois added that the staff has been wonderful and everyone is working very hard.

Martha Rennie then made motion to accept the April 2016 Library Director's Report including statistics. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.

c. Finance Report was distributed. Lois noted: (1) Wages are fine through June; (2) Received a memo from the Connecticut Educational Network saying they can no longer support the DSL line. There were a couple of options. The best would be to connect with the Town Hall. Spoke with Mike Austin, the computer individual for the Town. He can put a separate mode in for the Library. This would be faster than the DSL line and there would be no monthly fees because it would be part of the Town. Lois will be discussing this with Anthony Salvatore our Town Manager.

Barbara Grotheer then moved to accept the April 2016 Library Director's Finance Report. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.

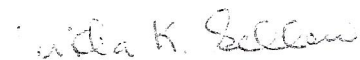
7. New Business--Marie Roberto was asked by Major Faienza if she could be available to attend Wednesday night's Council meeting regarding the proposal for the State Library. The steps would be to have architect's drawings done and have a letter of approval from the Town Council from the Mayor. Marie asked Barbara Grotheer if she would be available to attend the meeting.

8. Other--None.

9. Next Regular Meeting Date: June 13, 2016.

10. Adjournment--Kathy Newton made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Sellew

Library Commission Clerk