

Cromwell Library Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
Arch Room

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Record of Votes and Minutes

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

Absent: Library Director, Eileen Branciforte; Diane Mongold, Kathy Newton

Also Present: Lois Meltzer, Children's Librarian; Gerald Seagrave

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the April 11, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Al Dickerson.*
3. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2016--*Martha Rennie moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016, as amended. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie. Amendments noted in **bold lettering**:*

(1) Under 4. Citizens' Comments should read: ...the Connecticut Library Association will be holding its **conference**... and in the second paragraph **Facebook** should be capitalized.

(2) Under Item 5. Mayor Enzo Faienza noted there was a budget meeting held and \$375,000 is now in the capital budget to go forward with preliminary architectural renderings which will not require going to a referendum. These architectural drawings are for the library expansion only. Mayor Faienza **also stated that his office will be using this grant opportunity to enhance the drawings to include additional town space. The additional town space in the drawings will be done at the town's expense and the cost will not be related to the Library Grant.** Jon Harriman, our Town Engineer, will be handling the bidding process. Mayor Faienza has instructed the Town Engineer to work with Eileen and the Library Commission and should be moving on this relatively soon. The core group for this project will be Mayor Faienza; **Anthony** Salvatore, the Town Manager; **Jon Harriman**, the Town Engineer; and Library Director, Eileen Branciforte.

Martha Rennie noted that the Commission wants to be involved in and support this project. A referendum would be only for the money **needed** for the bonding **of all the town projects**. Margaret Colella stated a lot of libraries have a maker space for hands on training and technology. Marie Roberto added that the library is a resource for all ages **and the expansion will enhance services for all users**. There will be a Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday, April 5th. The Commission **asked that Eileen inform the Commission** when the Board of Finance meetings are being held. Marie Roberto asked that at least two Commission members attend future Finance meetings to show their support.

Regarding the storage shed--**Anthony** Salvatore will be looking into that. **Book drop:** A new parking lot is in the budget and we can find an easy way to drop off books in the new configuration of the parking lot.

(3) 6. A. Delete: (8:16pm Martha Rennie arrived.)

(4) 8. A. Should read Marie Roberto...

4. Citizens' Comments--Gerald Seagrave passed around a memo on cuts in the State Library's budget. He added that the Willimantic Service Center will be closing and the Middletown Service Center will be kept open. The Connecticut Library Association Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21st and Friday, April 22nd at the Convention Center in Hartford.

5. Town Council Liaison Comments--None.

6. Reports:

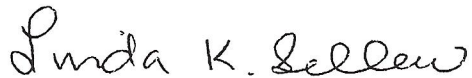
a. Chairman--Marie Roberto received a list of architects from Gerald Seagrave which she then submitted to Mayor Faienza to be submitted to the Town Manager. There is definite support from the Town Council and Mayor Faienza to go forth in choosing an architect. Mayor Faienza will keep the Commission informed of upcoming Finance meetings so Commission members may attend. Marie will keep channels of communication open and will deal straight with Mayor Faienza.

b. Library Director--*Barbara Grotheer made a motion to accept the January, 2016 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.* Lois Meltzer gave an update on the status of library staffing and programs. Stats for March 2016 were handed out.

c. Finance Report--A year-to-date Finance Report was distributed. No action taken.

7. New Business--Marie Roberto noted Charter Revision is starting up again. There is a hard copy of it in the Library and can also look at it on line.
8. Other--None.
9. Next Regular Meeting Date: May 9, 2016.
10. Adjournment--*Barbara Grotheer moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Sellew  
Library Commission Clerk