

Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Room 222, Town Hall
Record of Votes and Minutes

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Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie

Absent: Diane Mongold

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, Gerald Seagrave

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberto at 7:31 p.m.
- 2. Approve/Amend Agenda:** The June 10, 2019 agenda was amended to add "5. Citizen's comments". Margaret Colella made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Chairman Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Martha Rennie. *Motion passed.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2019:** The Commission noted the following amendments to the minutes of May 13, 2019:

In #6b, paragraph 2, that "other departments" be revised to read "other town departments".

In #5, that the last sentence be revised to end with "Yale Center for British Art, UConn Health Center Library, Fairfield History Museum".

Martha Rennie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Chairman Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Martha Rennie. Al Dickerson and Kathy Newton abstained. *Motion passed.*

Amended minutes will be filed.

4. Town Council Liaison comments: None

5. Citizens' comments: Gerald Seagrave shared news that Maria Bernier is the new librarian for State Statistics. Mr. Seagrave attended the Connecticut Library Association changeover meeting at which it was announced that Lisa Karim is the new State Librarian. Lisa Karim's home library is Simsbury Public Library.

6. Reports:

- a. Chairman: None
- b. Library Director: Chairman Roberto will confer at a later date with Director Canney regarding recognition for former employees Adrienne Marzo, Ethel Anderson, and Carol Peluso.

Director Canney reviewed the Director's Report.

Director Canney shared that there are many applicants for the newly-created LTA position, and that applicants for the part-time position will begin interviewing on June 13th.

Director Canney reported that installation of the Circulation desk has been delayed, and the Library Arch Room is open as of June 10th.

Director Canney reported that the Summer Reading Program kickoff is scheduled for June 16th. Director Canney said that she has ordered a pop-up tent, a table runner, and tote bags with the Cromwell Library's new logo on them for use at library events.

Barbara Grotheer requested that the month be added to the Director's Report. Director Canney agreed.

Director Canney shared that the Statistics are in good shape considering the construction activity at the library. Usage of Overdrive is up, and Hoopla is doing well.

Barbara Grotheer made a motion to accept the Director's Report with Statistics as written; Seconded by Martha Rennie. *All in favor. Motion passed.*

- c. Finance Report: Director Canney reported that the budget figure on the report would indicate that the library is over budget. This is because some purchase orders have not yet closed. Library is, in fact, on budget.

Martha Rennie made a motion to accept the Director's Finance Report; Seconded by Kathy Newton. *All in favor. Motion passed.*

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: Director Canney discussed a meeting for a future library reopening. Chairman Roberto offered to attend a meeting with Director Canney and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore to plan the library reopening.

Director Canney plans to change some of the raised beds in front of the library, and has discussed with Town Manager Anthony Salvatore trimming the maple trees in order to make the new library sign more visible.

10. Next regular meeting date: July 8, 2019

11. Adjournment: Martha Rennie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Chairman Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel E. Novak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel E. Novak
Recording Clerk