

Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Arch Room, Town Hall
Record of Votes and Minutes

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

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 7:33 p.m.
- 2. Approve/Amend Agenda:** The November 18, 2019 agenda was approved. Margaret Colella made a motion to approve the agenda; Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2019:** The Commission noted the following amendments to the minutes of October 21, 2019:

In #6c Finance Report that “a library grant” be revised to read “the construction project”.

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

Amended minutes will be filed.

- 4. Town Council Liaison comments:** Chairman Roberto reported that Mayor Enzo Faienza will continue to be Town Council Liaison for the Cromwell Library Commission. Mayor Faienza would like to set the library’s reopening ceremony once the construction punch list is completed.

It was shared that Barbara Grotheer recently presented on the history of the Cromwell Library to The Friends of the Cromwell Library.

Barbara Grotheer entered the meeting.

5. Citizens' comments: None

6. Reports:

a. Chairman: None

b. Library Director: Director Canney reviewed the Director's Report.

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

c. Finance Report: Director Canney reported that Children's Librarian Emily ordered new innovative technology and play items such as shopping carts, baby dolls, small slides, push-around toys, and large foam building blocks. There was a discussion on a workshop for parents and toddlers.

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

7. Old Business: Director Canney reported that the construction project is still awaiting its Certificate of Occupancy. The fire technician advised that the building requires a certified electrician to work on the duct smokes. Tucker Mechanical is doing the work. Once the building passes inspection by the fire technician, Fire Marshall Gagnon must give approval. Director Canney shared that Town Engineer Jon Harriman has been extremely helpful with the project.

8. New Business: Margaret Colella shared a pamphlet on philanthropy by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. There was a discussion about promoting options for donation to the library.

Chairman Roberto said that taxpayers should know that the library construction is already paid for; that it did not go out to bonding.

Gerald Seagrave joined the meeting.

Chairman Roberto asked about the collection of book donations. Director Canney advised that the library is not currently taking collections for lack of storage. Barbara Grotheer pointed out that the library website needs to be updated to reflect this news.

9. Other: None

10. Next regular meeting date: December 9, 2019

11. Adjournment: Barbara Grotheer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Martha Rennie, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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