## **Cromwell Library Commission**

## Regular Meeting Monday, February 10, 2020 Arch Room, Town Hall Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara

Grotheer, Kathy Newton

Absent: Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie

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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 agenda for February 10, 2020, was approved. Margaret Colella made a motion to approve; seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed.*
- **3. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2020:** The Commission noted the following changes to the minutes of January 13, 2020: *In 6c Finance Report* that the word "Total" be eliminated and the information for Account #170-3525 be revised to read

"Library Donation Accounts

A. \$500.00

B. \$16,412.90"

Kathy Newton made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton. Abstention: Al Dickerson. *Motion passed.* 

- 4. Town Council Liaison Comments: No report
- **5. Citizens' Comments:** Gerald Seagrave reported that there was no change to the State Library budget. Recently retired State Librarian Ken Wiggin is working one day a week until a replacement is appointed. The Connecticut Library Association conference registration will open February 18. The conference will be held in Mystic.

## 6. Reports:

a. Chairman: No report

b. Library Director: Director Canney reviewed the Director's Report. Plans are underway for a Renovation Celebration on February 20. A new computer use policy was reviewed. There was discussion on the Commission's advisory role in

developing new policies. Later, there will be a review of all Library policies. Director Canney provided a draft copy of the new three-month newsletter. The Director will be in charge of bookings for the new Library space. There was also discussion of two safety issues that have arisen and been brought to the attention of the Town Safety Committee.

Margaret Colella made a motion to accept the Director's Report with Statistics as written; seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed*.

c. Finance Report: Director Canney reviewed the Finance Report for the fiscal year to date. We are on track for the year. Next year's budget information has been submitted to the Town Manager.

Kathy Newton made a motion to accept the Finance Report; seconded by Al Dickerson. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed*.

- **7. Old Business:** There are a few issues still to be addressed with the construction/renovation. Some cracks have needed patching and some painting is being redone. The new space has occupancy of 125 people. Security cameras are in use in the Library.
- 8. New Business: None
- 9. Other: None
- **10. Next regular meeting:** The meeting date was changed to **March 16, 2020.** Election of officers will take place.
- **11. Adjournment:** Al Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton. *Motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Barbara Grotheen

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Grotheer

Acting Recording Clerk