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MEETING MINUTES

Cromwell Library Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021

At 6:30 PM

The Belden Room

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Present: Chairman Margaret Colella, Martha Rennie, Kathy Newton, Marie Roberto, Karen Spotts, Barbara Grotheer, Megan Blanchette

Absent:

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, Paula Luna, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Margaret Colella at 6:36 PM.

2. Approve/Amend Agenda:

A motion was made by Marie Roberto to approve the agenda; seconded by Barbara Grotheer. All in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 08, 2021:

A motion was made by Barbara Grotheer to approve the minutes of November 08, 2021 as amended; seconded by Kathy Newton. All were in favor, motion passed.

4. Town Council Liaison Comments:

Town Councilor Paula Luna discussed the approval of the resignations and appointed members in the Boards and Commissions during the Special Organizational Meeting held on November 8, 2021. Ms. Luna discussed the increase of the transfer station condominium pass from \$100 to \$200 per card for 2022. A Special Meeting on December 1st, 2021 approved the proposed Public Works director William Russo. Ms. Luna reported that at the Town Council Meeting held on December 8th, 2021, the Council had discussed the Moratorium on the Sale of Marijuana. A \$65,000.00 design fee for West Street sidewalks was approved.

5. Citizens' Comments:

Gerald Seagrave reported the passing of Steven Rice, from the Connecticut State Library.

6. Reports:

Chairman's Report-

Margaret Colella had nothing to report at this time.

Library Director-

Library Director Kara Canney's report included an update on her staffing. Interviews took place and two new part-time library assistants will begin in the beginning of January. Director Canney was accepted in "The Future School Applied Foresight Accelerator Program" that will begin on Monday, December 20, 2021. Director Canney also attended the LSTA workshop via the State Library and IMLS that is required to apply for the Literacy Grants. The deadline is April 15, 2022. This is the grant that would cover the majority of the Family Place Parent/Child Workshops (\$7,500 of the \$12,000). The members of the Library Consortium attended a webinar to possibly purchase the software to audit the library's collections and help with future purchasing. Director Canney discussed the fine free proposal as was presented to the Town Council on December 8, 2021. The Library offered a green screen family photo program the Saturday after Thanksgiving that was very successful. The library staff attended and enjoyed the Mayor's Tree Lighting Event. At the event a festive photo background and some lighting was set up to commemorate the night. The door count that is presented is from the Traf-Sys system. The staff will be using the data from the Traf-Sys system and analyzing it for future planning. Director Canney has been invited to a Zoom meeting with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County on December 16th. There will be a surprise announcement. This year's annual distribution is \$12,467.00. Director Canney highlighted upcoming programs, including Noon Year's Eve, Craft Nights at the Library and the Knit Club. These programs will be in-person.

A motion was made by Martha Rennie; seconded by Marie Roberto to accept the Library Director's report. Motion accepted unanimously.

Finance Report-

A motion was made by Marie Roberto; seconded by Barbara Grotheer to accept the Finance Report. Motion accepted unanimously.

7. Old Business:

No old business to report at this time.

8. New Business:

New member of the library commission Megan Blanchette was announced. Marie Roberto inquired about a possibility of a mask mandate as a result of the increase of

COVID-19 cases, especially in public town facilities. Ms. Roberto asked if the director could relay this question to the Town Manager.

9. Other:

None

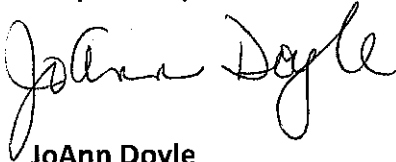
10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Marie Roberto will not be attending this meeting.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kathy Newton to adjourn at 7:24 PM; seconded by Barbara Grotheer. All were in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JoAnn Doyle".

**JoAnn Doyle
Commission Clerk**