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Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
7:30 p.m.
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Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie
Absent: Al Dickerson
Also Present: Mayor Enzo Faienza; Library Director, Drusilla Carter; Assistant Director/Children's Librarian, Lois Meltzer; Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the January 9th agenda, as amended. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold. Amendment: Meeting date should read January 9, 2007.*
3. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2016--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016, as amended. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold. Amendments: Under 4. Should read: Gerald Seagrave has forwarded to the **Editor of the newsletter** for the Connecticut Library Association...; Under 6 a. Remove the sentence--**Kathy Newton added this is on the January Town Council agenda**; Under New Business: Should have read from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (not 8 p.m.).*
4. Citizens' Comments--(Martha Rennie arrived 7:34 p.m.) The Commission welcomed our new Library Director, Drusilla Carter. Each Commission member introduced themselves.
Gerald Seagrave noted that in the Sunday, January 8, 2017 edition of the Hartford Courant that Dr. Robert Decker had passed away. Dr. Decker was a professor at Central Connecticut State College and the author of *Cromwell Connecticut 1650-1990*.
Gerald Seagrave also added that the State Library was switching catalogues this month to a new system that would include community colleges in addition to the state colleges (UConn is not in this system).

5. Town Council Liaison Comments--Mayor Enzo Faienza welcomed our new Library Director, Drusilla Carter, to Cromwell and is looking forward to seeing new concepts and growth. Mayor Faienza also thanked Lois Meltzer for going above and beyond during the interim of the hiring of our new Library Director.

Mayor Faienza noted the year of 2017 will bring budget cuts and shortfalls. Can't go over 3% of our budget or the State will make further cut backs. Mayor Faienza added the Library expansion is of high priority. The next phase is selecting an architect. Mayor Faienza along with the Town Council and Town Manager are in full support of this project.

He added that Shop Rite will be coming to town and occupying all of the X-Pect Discount space and a bit of K-Mart. In the future, looking to building a new Edna C. Stevens school in 2021.

6. Reports:

a. Chairman--Marie Roberto read a letter that was sent to Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, and Mayor Enzo Faienza regarding the full time position being available. The letter requested that the position be upgraded to make certain it would be targeted at a higher level to aid the new library director.

Barbara Grotheer noted that the holiday lunch held at the Library on Wednesday, December 21st went well even though it was a cold and snowy day. It was a wonderful way to meet and greet the Director. It also was a great time for Commission members to meet and interact with the Friends of the Library. One idea brought up in conversation was that a member of the Library Commission attend a Friends of the Library meeting and vice versa.

b. Library Director--The Library Director's report was distributed. Lois Meltzer briefly went over the Library Director's Report for December 2016. There were 15 programs offered in the Children's Department which was an all-time high for the number of programs offered in a month. Still looking for best times to offer programs, looking for higher sign-up rates, possibly putting out a questionnaire. Our new Library Director, Drusilla Carter has spoken with Claudia Emanuele to work on the tween group when she returns from college.

Barbara Grotheer then made a motion to accept the December 2016 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie.

c. Finance Report--The December 2016 Library Finance Report was distributed. Lois Meltzer stated the only concern was the overage on part-time wages. Drusilla and Lois are now in the process of interviewing for the full-time position this week. Drusilla will be meeting with the Finance Director, Marianne Sylvester, to discuss the status

of the budget for the remaining fiscal year and also staffing shortages and possible solutions.

Martha Rennie then made a motion to accept the December 2016 Library Finance Report. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie.

7. Old Business--None.

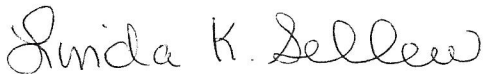
8. New Business--None.

9. Other--None.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: February 6, 2017.

11. Adjournment--*Barbara Grotheer made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Sellew

Library Commission Clerk