

Cromwell Library Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 8, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Arch Room

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Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold  
Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie  
Absent: Kathy Newton  
Also Present: Project Team Architects, Drusilla Carter, Library Director; Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Special: Architect's Presentation--Drusilla Carter introduced the project team members, Amanda Cleveland and Jillian Tara of Silver Petrucelli Architects, to the Commission. Amanda noted received drawings from the library and have electronic digital files now. Will meet with Drusilla to go over the drawings and general conditions. Will come out and meet with Drusilla, the Library Commission, staff, and Friends of the Library for their input and wish list items. The most important items will be put on the top of the list. A copy of the existing floor plan was displayed for Commission member's input. The architects have a copy of the grant and if additional grant funding is needed will assist the Commission. (Al Dickerson arrived @ 7:38 p.m.) Discussion followed on the time line for submission to the State. (Martha Rennie arrived @ 7:41 p.m.). Drusilla noted it was important for the multi-purpose room to be high tech, to have flexibility, computer space, study space, and good sight lines. Also discussed the possibility of bumping out the arch for a café, nook space.

The architects will be meeting with the Friends of the Library on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Drusilla will have the drawings in her office once available for the staff, Commission members, Friends of the Library, and patrons to view for their ideas and recommendations of what they would like to see.

A Special Meeting will be held in the Elizabeth Maselli Room on Monday, June 5th to review the plans.

3. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the May 8, 2017 Library Commission Agenda. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*
4. Approval of April 10, 2017 Minutes--*Martha Rennie moved to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes, as amended. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie. Amendments: 6b. Should read: ...high school students to help **move** the items... ; and, under 6b. items that belonged to the Historical Society which **have** now gone back to them...*
5. Citizens' Comments--Gerald Seagrave attended the Connecticut Library Association's annual Conference on Friday, May 5th in Groton. He attended talks on Special Libraries in Connecticut and Transforming Existing Library Buildings.
6. Town Council Liaison Comments--None.
7. Reports:
  - a. Chairman--Marie noted to filter ideas for the build to Drusilla.
  - b. Library Director--The April 2017 Library Director's Report and Statistics were distributed.

Report highlights:

The architects have started working, walking through the building and beginning to gather ideas and information.

Attended meetings of the Town Council and the Board of Finance in April for budget presentations and workshops. Neither group recommended cuts or changes to the library budget. The budget passed.

Attended the Friends of the Library "Tea Social" on April 19th and was pleased to see thirty attendees and several new members of the Friends who signed up during the event. They are looking to make this an annual event. The Friends will be having their book sale on May 12th and 13th in the Arch Room.

In May, the library will be participating in "One Book On The Riverbend," a joint venture between the region's public and academic libraries centered around the book *The Boys in the Boat*. The library will be hosting book discussion for all ages and the weekly movie showing will be focused on the 1936 Olympic Games and the American rowing team that won the gold.

In addition:

The next monthly Tea with the Director will be held on May 10th at 2:00p.m.

The Friends of the Library will be having their spring book sale May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Barbara Grotheer then moved to accept the April 2017 Library Director's and Statistics reports. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

c. Finance Report--The April 2017 Library Finance Report was distributed. Drusilla noted being right on track with finances but a bit over on wages. *Martha Rennie then moved to accept the April 2017 Library Finance Report. Seconded by Diane Mongold. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

8. Old Business--Barbara Grotheer located pictures that Elizabeth Maselli took of the old cemetery and all the library minutes that were previously scanned in. They were found at [cromwellcemeteries.blogspot.com](http://cromwellcemeteries.blogspot.com). Also discussed were the Commission's summer meetings. A meeting will be held in July. No meeting to be held in August unless needed.

9. New Business--

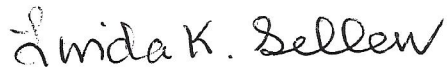
a. Commission Board library walk-through (held after meeting was adjourned).

9. Other--None.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: Special Meeting to be held on Monday, June 5th to review plans with the architects. Regular meeting date: June 12, 2017. Meetings will be held in the Maselli Room.

11. Adjournment: *Martha Rennie then moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Diane Mongold, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Sellev  
Library Commission Clerk