

Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Arch Room
Record of Votes and Minutes

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Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson
Absent: Martha Rennie, Diane Mongold
Also Present: Mayor Enzo Faienza; Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager; Kara Canney, Library Director; Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the November 13, 2017 agenda. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella.*
3. Approval of October 16, 2017 Minutes--*Kathy Newton moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella.*
4. Citizens' Comments--Gerald Seagrave read a memo from Ken Wiggins at the Connecticut State Library. Pleased to report things are going forward with the State budget. Basically the same as the last fiscal year. (Al Dickerson arrived 7:49 p.m.)
5. Town Council Liaison Comments--Mayor Enzo Faienza and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore were present.
Mayor Faienza noted everything is moving forward as planned from the Town Council and Board of Finance standpoint regarding the library expansion. This expansion will be a community resource for the Town of Cromwell as a warming station, charging phones, etc. The new construction is intended to be a multipurpose, technology rich area. The new addition will include a technology area with smartboard projectors and the children's area. There is a moveable wall which would separate the technology area from the children's area. This wall can be opened up to make one large room for large gatherings such as movies, speakers, larger library functions, etc. The new addition would include an enclosed vestibule, bathrooms, and desperately needed storage. It is a long term capital project and will not affect the mill rate. Will be calling for a special town meeting in the future. Kara added this renovation will increase home values.

Anthony Salvatore noted that Kara has saved money on the project by some changes. He added this is not frivolous spending. It is updating and modernizing a resource available to the public. Nothing has been done since 1985. Will speak with the Finance Director regarding time constraints for the special town meeting. Marie Roberto added this is the only opportunity we have to get State funding. Having been awarded this grant, shows the need for the expansion/renovation.

After discussion, a Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28th, at 7 p.m. regarding the library expansion.

6. Reports

a. Chairman--The Friends book sale was very successful. The last Friday book sale that was held raised over \$500. This book sale held on Friday and Saturday raised over \$800. Our thanks to the Friends for all the work they did organizing and the book sale itself.

The proposed Library Commission meeting dates for 2018 were distributed. *Barbara Grotheer then made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2018. Seconded by Margaret Colella. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson.*

- b. Library Director--Kara noted the following:
- Library changes continue. Items with new homes include DVD's, large print, paperbacks, audio, and YA. Fiction is moving forward, non-fiction moving back.
 - New hires: Therese "Rose" Baranis and Laura Criscuolo. Laura will be a Saturday and evening sub and Rose will start November 13th as a 15 hour a week position.
 - Programming--Both Adult and Children will begin programming more heavily if the Arch Room is available and if the budget allows.
 - New--Go Chip and Binge boxes. Go Chip is a portable hot spot which you can download five movies and can be used on any wireless device. Will be purchasing these with money which wasn't spent on the freeing device. The Binge Box is where you can put three or four movies together that you would like to binge watch.
 - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten--Met with the principal and this should be implemented by next year.
 - Button Advertising and Boards--Button making for pins and new boards for library use only were donated by the Friends of the Library.
 - Architects have been in last week. Next step is picking our finishes.

Discussion followed on the choice for the library logo. Logo A was chosen. Copy attached.

Statistics--Kara noted the need for a door counter to get a true stat on the amount of individuals who come into the library. There are individuals who come in to do research, read the newspaper, study, etc. who are not included in the Statistics Report. Otherwise, we are fine statistic wise. *Barbara Grotheer then moved to accept the October Library Director's Report and Statistics Report for October and November. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson.*

c. Finance Report--Kara noted a little ahead on spending. Meeting with Marianne Sylvester, Finance Director, tomorrow. Would also like to lease a copier instead of purchasing. *Margaret Colella then moved to accept the October report. Seconded by Al Dickerson. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson.*

7. Old Business--None.

8. New Business--Marie would like a list of the boards and commissions. Kara will ask Rea Matus to get her a copy.

9. Other--Barbara Grotheer noted that the Historical Society will be having their Christmas Open House December 9th and 10th. The Friends of the Library will be decorating a room. Refreshments will be served. Barbara is also looking for old pictures/events/history of Cromwell. If there is anyone in town that has or knows of someone who would like to contribute to her efforts, please let her know. Pictures will be copied and returned to the individual.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: December 11, 2017.
Special Meeting regarding library expansion: Tuesday, November 28th at 7 p.m.

11. Adjournment--*Barbara Grotheer moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson.*

Respectfully submitted,

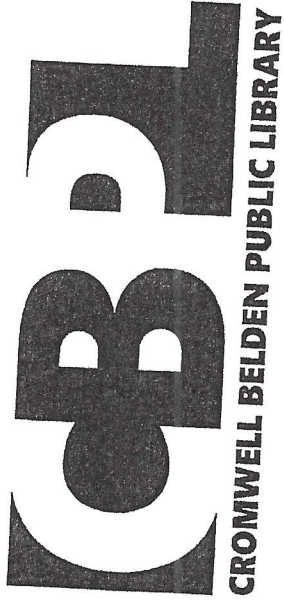
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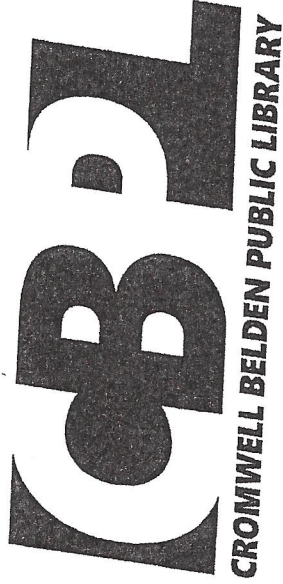
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