

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Cromwell Library Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 19, 2020**  
**at 7:00 PM**  
**Online ZOOM Meeting**

**Present:** Chairman Margaret Colella, Karen Spotts, Marie Roberto, Martha Rennie, Kathy Newton

**Also Present:** Library Director Kara Canney

**Absent:** Barbara Grotheer, Al Dickerson

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. Colella at 7:09 PM.

**2. Approve/Amend Agenda**

A motion was made by M. Rennie to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by M. Roberto. *All were in favor, motion passed.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2020**

A motion was made by M. Roberto to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020; seconded by K. Newton. *All were in favor, motion passed.*

Chairman M. Colella abstained as she was not present at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Town Council Liaison comments**

There were none.

**5. Citizens' Comments**

There were none.

**6. Reports**

Chairman Report:

There was nothing to report.

Library Director Report:

Director K. Canney reports great news that the State has awarded Cromwell \$29,979 to help open the Library and make it more accessible to its patrons. The funds are expected to be available later this week. All funds are to be used by 12/18/2020. Director K. Canney would like to use these funds to put in a laptop/media kiosk. This will allow for patrons to social distance in the library if they have no computers of their own, as well as borrow them for home use.

The Library is still in the process of interviewing to fill the vacant position left by Ashley DePaolis. Many applications have been received and we hope to fill the vacancy soon. There are two more rounds of interviews this week.

The parking lot pick up service is still holding steady and continues to be an important service offered to those who have concerns for their health as the COVID numbers continue to increase.

Over the next few weeks, the electronic sign at the intersection of 372 and Shunpike will display the names of participants who met their stretch reading goals for Summer reading. Others that completed their summer reading have received notification that their t-shirt is ready for pick up.

K. Newton made the motion to accept the Library Director's Report; seconded by M. Rennie. *All were in favor, motion passed.*

Finance Report:

We were on task with our budget and Emily and Emma continue to grow their collections.

M. Rennie made the motion to accept the Finance Report; seconded by K. Newton. *All were in favor, motion passed.*

**7. Old Business**

Director K. Canney wanted to thank K. Spotts for coming to the Don Honig celebration in the Library.

**8. New Business**

Director K. Canney spoke with Naomi Stein and Ann Kaiser regarding the Library taking over the in-house book sale, and hopes to work with the Friends to have a large outdoor sale next Spring or Summer.

**9. Other**


There was no other business to discuss.

**10. Next Meeting Date: November 9, 2020**

**11. Adjournment**

A motion was made by M. Rennie to adjourn at 7:41 PM; seconded by K. Newton. *All were in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "April Armetta". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "April" and last name "Armetta" clearly distinguishable.

April Armetta  
Commission Clerk