

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 19, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Arch Room  
Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson

Absent: Barbara Grotheer, Diane Mongold, Martha Rennie

Also Present: Eileen Branciforte, Library Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the October 19, 2015 agenda. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton.*
3. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2015--*Kathy Newton moved to approve the Library minutes of September 14, 2015, as amended. Seconded by Al Dickerson. In favor: Marie Roberto, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton. Abstained: Margaret Colella. Amendments: -- Under Item 6.a. Proceeds will be split with the Friends of the Library and the Library. -- 6. b should read: ...to educate ourselves about them, and, (2) Notes from previous meetings so we can integrate our efforts with the Friends. --Under Item 8. New Business should read: Needs to vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman in March 2016.*
4. Citizens' Comments--None.
5. Town Council Liaison Comments--None.
6. Reports--
  - a. Chairman--Marie attended the Friends of the Library book sale in which they made \$700. Eileen will have the July and August Library Director's Reports available at the November meeting for approval.
  - b. Library Director--Eileen noted working on negotiations with our vendor, Innovative Interfaces, Inc. There are issues that need to be resolved. *Al Dickerson moved to accept the September 2015 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton.*

c. Finance Report--*Margaret Colella moved to accept the September 2015 Library Finance Report. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton.*

7. Old Business

a. Planning workshop--Take a look at the "to do" list and put on time lines. Kathy Newton stated it would be a good idea to invite the Mayor to one of the Library Commission meetings. Eileen noted that James Neeland will be starting a newsletter of library events. Discussion followed on the Library's expansion and whether the Town Council will vote on going to a referendum or to bonding. Will invite the Mayor to our December meeting after elections are held. Marie Roberto asked if Barbara Grotheer would be willing to meet with her and the Mayor to discuss plans for the library's enhancement.

8. New Business

a. Potential Partnership with State Library--Review enclosed document and bring to the meeting for discussion.

This would be a potential partnership with the Connecticut State Library and Library Connection, Inc. to improve downloadable e-book service. The Cromwell Belden Public Library in one of 30 libraries in the Library Connection. Their 30 library directors are now on the Library Connection Board. This app would be developed by the New York Public Library System and Connecticut would be the only state trying this out. The Connecticut State Library has an IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) grant to deploy this app to every public library in CT. The State of Connecticut will contract with the Library Connection. Questions arose on what the State's accountability is and how this customization would work.

9. Other--Eileen noted there are two elders from the Mormon Church who are interns and will be coming to the Library in September. They will be helping to digitize the Cromwell Chronicle

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: November 9, 2015.

12. Adjournment--Kathy Newton moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Al Dickerson. *In favor: Marie Roberto, Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew  
Library Commission Clerk