

Meeting Minutes
Cromwell Library Commission
Monday, October 18, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Room 222 Town Hall

Present: Chairman Margaret Colella, Al Dickerson, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie, Marie Roberto

Absent: Karen Spotts

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Margaret Colella at 7:08 P.M.

2. Approve/Amend the Agenda

A motion was made by Marie Roberto to approve the agenda as prepared; seconded by Kathy Newton. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2021

A motion was made by Marie Roberto to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Al Dickerson, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie, Marie Roberto. Abstained: Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer. The motion was approved.

4. Town Council Liaison Comments

There were none.

5. Citizens' Comments

Gerald Seagrave reported that due to an explosion at the Pump House in Bushnell Park in Hartford in late August, the State Library still has no heat. He also reported that the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) will hold its annual conference as an in-person event on May 3 and 4, 2022 at the Hartford Convention Center.)

6. Reports

Chairman's Report

There was none.

Library Director's Report

Staff members have been attending virtual workshops through the CLA on a variety of topics. The virtual format makes it much easier to schedule coverage for staff attending workshops.

We had a tent at Fairweather Growers' corn maze, and 220 people visited our tent!

We are looking for a rack to display seed packets for a Seed Library. There has been some moisture in Town Hall, including offices and the Library's Belden Room. The Arch Room is currently housing the Youth Services and Recreation departments.

We are now allowing one person at a time to use our small study rooms. A motion to approve the Library Director's Report was made by Barbara Grotheer; seconded by Marie Roberto. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance Report

A motion to accept the Finance Report as presented was made by Kathy Newton; seconded by Barbara Grotheer. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

Kathy Newton made a motion to change the Commission's meeting time to 6:30 P.M.; seconded by Marie Roberto. In favor: Margaret Colella, Barbara Grotheer, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie, Marie Roberto. Abstained: Al Dickerson. The motion was approved.

8. New Business

The Commission discussed possible changes to Library hours.

9. Other

Al Dickerson announced that he was resigning his seat on the Commission and handed a letter of resignation to Chairman Margaret Colella. All the Commission members and the Library Director expressed their profound thanks to Mr. Dickerson for his many years of invaluable service to the community and the Library.

Marie Roberto reported that at a recent Town Council meeting, she publicly thanked the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Council for their support of the Library.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 8th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Al Dickerson; seconded by Martha Rennie. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha L. Rennie