

MEETING MINUTES
Cromwell Library Commission
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2023
At 6:30 p.m.
The Belden Room

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Present: Martha Rennie, Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella,
Christina Schatz, (Chairman Kathy Newton joined meeting at 7:00p.m.)

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, Gerald Seagrave, Paula Luna, Joanne Juergens

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman M. Colella at 6:40 p.m.
Christina Schatz, a new member of the Library Commission, was introduced.

2. Approve/Amend Agenda:

A motion was made by M. Roberto to approve the agenda for Monday, October 16, 2023, seconded by M. Rennie. *All in favor; motion passed.*

3. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2023:

A motion was made by M. Rennie to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023, seconded by B. Grotheer. M. Colella abstained. *All in favor; motion passed.*

4. Town Council Liaison Comments:

Councilwoman P. Luna brought to the attention of the Town Council, the Library Commission's concern about not knowing about the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. Someone will speak to the Recreation Department about doing more advertising, such as having it in the *Chronicle*, so that people will know about it.

The new middle school is moving along and still on target to break ground in January.

The sidewalks are being installed and Allen Road is getting renovated.

At a meeting last week, the Town Council approved the establishment of a Cultural District and the establishment of a Cultural District Commission.

The Long-Range Capital Planning Committee met. A project discussed was the drainage in town, because it needs much renovation. The CHS multi-use sports fields were discussed, along with a community/senior center. There was also a discussion of where to get community grants to help with these projects.

The developer of 100 Berlin Road, (the former Radisson Hotel), is coming before the Town Council tomorrow night, at a special meeting, asking for a tax abatement.

5. Citizens' Comments:

None

6. Reports:

Chairman's Report –

None

Library Director –

Director Canney stated that It is a very busy time at the library. There have been Community Conversations and also meetings for Strategic Library Planning. We are learning a lot about what our community knows and doesn't know about the library. We are finding lots of ways in which to serve the public better and are very excited about that.

We had our *Hocus Pocus 2* event on Friday, 10/13 in Pierson Park.

Director Canney read a nice card from Willa Eckersley with a donation of \$10,000 made in her sister Sally Eckersley's memory.

There have been a ring of thefts across state libraries; stealing new books. Recent thefts have been in Portland and West Hartford. Our staff is aware and alert to this.

Regarding statistics; Director Canney is pleased that everything is either static or going up.

A motion was made by B. Grotheer to accept the Library Director's Report, seconded by M. Roberto. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Finance Report –

As usual, very little money left in our programming budget. Everything else is right on par. Director Canney has asked her staff to submit requisitions each quarter, instead of each month.

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

7. Old Business:

Director Canney stated that she is still trying to figure things out with the Belden Room. There was an issue recently, with the lights flashing.

8. New Business:

Director Canney mentioned that the door counter in the Belden Room is broken and someone is coming in to look at it.

The copy machine is not properly notifying the supplier via email, when the machine is low on toner. A technician is coming out to fix it.

9. Other:

None

10. Next Meeting Date:

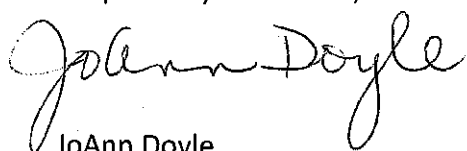
The next meeting date is Monday, November 13, 2023.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by K. Newton to adjourn at 7:07 p.m., seconded by M. Roberto.

All in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JoAnn Doyle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

JoAnn Doyle

Recording Secretary