

CROMWELL LIBRARY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.
Arch Room

Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie (arrived 7:44p.m.)

Also Present: Eileen Branciforte, Library Director; Gerald Seagrave

Absent: Diane Mongold

1. Call to order—Marie Roberto called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the Library Commission Agenda for April 13, 2015. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson.*
3. Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2015--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the Library Commission Minutes of March 9, 2015, as amended. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson. Amendments: (1) Item 6.c. should read...moved to accept the February 2015 Library Director's **Finance** Report; and, (2) Item 8.a. should read...the library's new **3D** printer.*
4. Citizens' Comments-Gerald Seagrave noted there will be a rally at the State Capital from noon to 5 p.m. this Wednesday, April 15th. A flyer entitled, "Save Connecticut Library Funding!", was distributed to Commission members. (See attached flyer.) He also noted on April 27th and 28th the Connecticut Library Association will be holding its annual conference in Groton.
5. Town Council Liaison Comments
6. Reports-- (Martha Rennie arrived)
 - a. Chairman--Marie Roberto stated very much in favor for Commission members, when the opportunity arises, to speak to citizens about the library building grant. To share with them: (1) the flexible use of space; (2) make aware of the tech portion that it will provide; and, (3) will also include an emergency center for charging stations, working, etc.

Eileen then spoke about the Aspen Institute which is a non-profit research group that has selected Connecticut for a pilot program. The Aspen group is working on re-envisioning libraries. Marie asked Eileen to look into seeing if the Aspen group could meet along with surrounding communities to work together and if Cromwell could be a site for dialogue on the future of public libraries.

Eileen will also look into the New Alliance Foundation website to see if additional dollars could be brought into town. Marie will also pursue other opportunities by going on the Yale website to look at their library system which is huge. Curious to see if they have any opportunities to assign individuals to assist us.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their book sale on May 8th and 9th.

Will need to revisit and update the Strategic Plan for the grant. Eileen will have an outline of the organization of the components available for the next meeting for discussion.

b. Library Director--Eileen distributed the March 2014 Library Director's Report. *Martha Rennie moved to accept the March 2015 Library Director's Report. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

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

7. Old Business

a. Review of Library Integrated Computer System (Circulation)--Eileen distributed *LCI's iii Resource Sharing Standards for Public Libraries* which gives guidelines on obtaining books from other libraries, inter-library loans, etc.

b. Book drop situation update--No progress at this time.

8. New Business

a. Technology progress--Waiting for agenda and minutes to get on the website. Going to be installing new software on our public computers entitled Cassie this Wednesday.

9. Other--Barbara Grotheer noted May 4th will mark Josiah Belden's 200th birthday.

Discussion also followed on items that were loaned years ago to the Cromwell Historical Society. To obtain permanent ownership of these loaned items, the Historical Society just needs to send our library their minutes in which they reference Chapter 194 of the Connecticut State Statutes that these items are no longer a temporary loan but they (the Cromwell Historical Society) now obtains permanent ownership.

10. Next regular meeting date: May 11, 2015

11. Adjournment--*Martha Rennie moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Al Dickerson, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Sellew
Library Commission Clerk