

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Approved  
Wethersfield Library Board  
Minutes of September 25, 2018**

**Members present:** Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Mary Frazier, Mary Pelletier, Terry Santapaola

**Members excused:** Peter Denegre, Hannah Granfield, George Kelly, Laila Mandour

**Others:** Brook Berry, Library Director  
Carolyn Vallieres, Friends of the Wethersfield Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mary Pelletier moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting. Mary Frazier seconded.

All present voted in favor, except Terry Santapaola, who abstained. The motion passed, 4-0, with 1 abstention.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Carolyn Vallieres reported the Friends are loaning books to the makers of the film being made in Old Wethersfield. Polly Moon has joined the Friends as a new board member. The volunteer recognition will take place on October 9. New lawn signs are being ordered

for the book sale. The book sale will be held November 10 and 11 with a preview on November 8.

### TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Dorene shared an update send by Mary Breton regarding the referendum on Kycia Farm.

### LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dorene disturbed and reviewed proposed meeting dates for 2019.

### Motion on 2019 Library Board Meeting Dates

Mary Frazeur moved to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2019. Terry Santapaola seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook reported the July and August reports are aligned with the goals stated in the new strategic plan. Brook and her staff continue to work on all aspects of the strategic plan with a special focus on *Visit a Comfortable Place* over the last few months. The Town Council approved the year end transfers requested by the Library Board. The Friends approved request for funding of photo display. *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* will be launched on October 13th.

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

235th Anniversary of Libraries in Wethersfield is being celebrated through the month and includes a community party on October 26th. The Board discussed the need for funding to support the celebration.

### Motion on Donation from Friends

Mary Pellitier motioned to request a donation of \$500 from the Friends to support the celebration. Mary Frazeur seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Martha Conneely moved to go into executive session to discuss the 235th Anniversary. Mary Frazeur seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

The Board went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Motions on recognitions

Martha Conneely moved to rename the Community Room, The Jane Sjomán Community Room in honor of Ms Sjomán's bequest and service to the library. Mary Pelletier seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

Mary Pelletier moved to present a recognition to Carolyn Vallieres for her outstanding services to the library. Terry Santapaola seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Frazier moved to adjourn. Mary Pelletier seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Conneely, Vice Chair