

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
MEETING MINUTES**

Approved

Wethersfield Library Board Minutes of October 22, 2019

Members present: Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, George Kelly, Mary Pelletier, Terry Santapaola

Members excused: Peter Denegre, Mary Frazeur, Hannah Granfield, Laila Mandour

Others present:

Brook Berry, Library Director
Mary Breton, Town Council Liaison
Carolyn Vallieres, Friends of the Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Martha Conneely moved to approve the minutes of the September 24 meeting. Mary Pelletier seconded.

George Kelly abstained. All others present voted in favor. The motion passed, 4-0, with one abstention.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Carolyn Vallieres discussed preparations for the Book Sale and reported that the Friends have a new Board member. The annual meeting was a success. Dorene mentioned that the Library Board presented an award to Julie Konopka at the meeting.

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mary Breton discussed recent Council actions, including a new blight ordinance and the acceptance of several grants. Dorene Ciarcia thanked Mary, who is not running for re-election, for her advocacy on behalf of the Library.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Brook and several Board members attended the Town Council meeting where an award was presented to Kim Bobin in recognition of her ten years of work with the Time to Talk Program.

Dorene remarked on the importance of the Friends' Book Sale and encouraged Board members to attend.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook met recently with the patron who had complained about some of the video games available on the computers in the Children's Section, and updated him on steps taken.

Brook discussed the need for fiduciary insurance coverage to supplement the directors and officers policy for Library Board members.

The recent change in the state law on plastic bags has resulted in certain changes to the Library's practices.

Brook will meet soon with Gary Evans and the Town's attorney concerning the revision of Library Policies.

Staff is working to finalize the statistical report for the State Library, and fall programming is underway.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee met recently with Andrew Salak of FIA to review Library finances. Brook reviewed the monthly financial report. The Library was informed recently of a generous bequest from the estate of a former resident and member of the Friends of the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Martha Conneely moved to adjourn. Mary Pelletier seconded.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George Kelly, Secretary