

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
MEETING MINUTES**

Approved

Wethersfield Library Board Minutes of October 23, 2018

Members present: Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Hannah Granfield, George Kelly, Mary Pelletier, Laila Mandour, Terry Santapaola

Members excused: Peter Denegre, Mary Frazeur

Others: Brook Berry, Library Director
Carolyn Vallieres, Friends of the Library
Cathy Bagley, Acting Town Manager
Stephanie Askeland, Town HR Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

George Kelly moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting. Martha Conneely seconded.

George Kelly, Hannah Granfield, and Laila Mandour abstained. All others present voted in favor. The motion passed, 3-0, with 3 abstentions. (Terry Santapaola arrived after this vote.)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Carolyn Valleries reported on the preparations for the Book Sale. She commended the Carpenters Union for once again volunteering their time. Dorene Ciarcia commented that the Annual Meeting was a big success. Carolyn thanked the Board for the presentation it made to her at the meeting.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Dorene reported that Brook and Board members attended the October 1 Council meeting, where the Council issued a proclamation concerning the 235th celebration.

Dorene also relayed Mary Breton's summary of recent Council activity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

George Kelly moved to go into executive session to discuss union negotiations, and to invite Brook Berry, Kathy Bagley, and Stephanie Askeland into the executive session. Martha Conneely seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 7-0.

The Board went into executive session at 7:11p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:19 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dorene discussed plans for the 235th Party on October 26. Committee members reported they will miss the planning meetings.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT/OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Brook reviewed the status of the current year budget. Two part-time librarians are scheduled to start work this week, and two new pages will start soon.

Brook provided more information about the 235th Party and Celebration. Staff has been researching historical memorabilia and is preparing a timeline on the history of libraries in Wethersfield. The photo canvases, funded by the Friends, are being installed on the first floor walls.

Brook also discussed recent programs. Among adult programs, The Evening with the Gilettes was particularly well-received.

ADJOURNMENT

Hannah Granfield moved to adjourn. Laila Mandour seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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George Kelly, Secretary