

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Approved**  
**Wethersfield Library Board**  
**Minutes of December 4, 2018**

**Members present:** Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Mary Frazier, Hannah Granfield, George Kelly, Mary Pelletier

**Members excused:**, Laila Mandour, Peter Denegre, Terry Santapaola

**Others:** Brook Berry, Library Director  
Mary Breton, Town Council Liaison  
Carolyn Vallieres, Friends of the Wethersfield Library  
Kathy Bagley, Acting Town Manager  
Stephanie Askeland, Town HR Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Martha Conneely moved to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting, as amended to correct the spelling of the Acting Town Manager's name. Hannah Granfield seconded.

All present voted in favor, except Mary Frazier and Mary Pelletier, who abstained. The motion passed, 4-0, with 2 abstentions.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Carolyn Vallieres reported that the Book Sale raised approximately \$7,200. Carolyn shared a *Wethersfield Life* article about the Book Sale, which featured the work of the Carpenters' Union volunteers.

Brook reported that the manager of the Charities of Hope recently visited the Library and now has a better idea of the logistics involved for the donation of the unsold books.

## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Mary Breton reported that at a recent Council meeting, Chief Cetran provided information on recent criminal activity, and the MDC made a presentation on its budget.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mary Pelletier 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, 6-0.

The Board went into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and came out of executive session at 7:24 p.m.

## RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF UNION CONTRACTS

Martha Conneely moved to recommend that the Town Council approve the two contracts recently negotiated with the two unions representing Library employees. Hannah Granfield seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 6-0.

## LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dorene commented that the 235<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration was very successful.

The Finance Committee will meet December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook thanked the Board for its participation in the Birthday celebration, and again recognized the contributions of the Library staff in marking the event.

The recent program on genealogy was very well-attended. There will probably be a follow-up session. Another big draw was the talk by Wethersfield's Diane Shovak on her new book, *Deceit*.

Brook also highlighted a number of programs for children and teens, many with seasonal themes.

The project to install additional security cameras is expected to start in January. The Library will also be seeking additional Capital Improvement Project funds from the Town, and will then apply for a matching State Library Construction Grant.

A patron has asked to display portions of her art collection in the Library. A discussion was had about the Library's Displays and Exhibits Policy and potential revisions to the policy.

### ADJOURNMENT

Martha Conneely moved to adjourn. Mary Frazier seconded.

All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Kelly, Secretary