

## TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

Approved

### Wethersfield Library Board Minutes (Motions and Notes) March 24, 2015

**Members present:** Joseph Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Mary Frazier, Hannah Granfield, Laila Mandour, George Kelly,

**Members excused:** Martha Conneely, Peter Denegre, Terry Santapaola

**Others:** Brook Berry, Library Director  
Jeff Kotkin, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Laila Mandour moved to add the following item to the agenda: withdrawal from the Action Fund Hanna Greenfield seconded.

All voted in favor

#### CHAIRMAN

Dorene discussed upcoming dates in the budget process. Public comment on the budget is scheduled for April 20 and the Council's Budget Workshop will be April 25. Dorene also reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the initial phase of a Capital Improvement Project, which will involve hiring an architect and assessing allocation of space in the Library.

Dorene asked Board members to submit any ideas on fund raising projects to the Friends of the Library.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mary Frazier moved that the minutes of February 24, 2015, be approved. Joe Aguiar seconded the motion. All voted in favor, except George Kelly, who abstained.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

No report

### COUNCIL LIAISON

Jeff Kotkin discussed the budget process and the status of the High School renovation.

### WITHDRAWAL FROM ACTION FUND

Hannah Granfield moved to withdraw up to \$8,700 from the Action Fund to purchase furnishings and materials. Joe Aquiar seconded. Following discussion, all voted in favor.

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Brook reported on her that recent activities have focused on the budget process.

The Family Place program, which is funded by the Hartford Foundation, has begun.

The Friends of the Library have once again supported the museum pass program and the summer reading program with grants of \$3,500 and \$10,000 respectively.

Brook also discussed several recent teen programs.

Brook discussed the possible effects of state budget cuts on library activities, including interlibrary loans.

Brook reviewed the proposed Library budget and responded to questions from members and from Jeff Kotkin.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dorene discussed the need to restart the activities of the Community Outreach Committee, with an emphasis on fund raising.

### ADJOURNMENT

Laila Mandour moved to adjourn. Hannah Granfield seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Kelly, Secretary.