

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of April 26, 2016**

Members present: Joe Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Mary Frazier, Hannah Granfield, and George Kelly

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

Others: Brook Berry, Library Director
Carolyn Vallieres, Co-Chair, Friends of the Wethersfield Library
Amy Bello, Town Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Hannah Granfield moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. Joe Aguiar seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 6-0.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Carolyn Vallieres previewed the plans for the Book Sale. Once again any leftover books will be donated to charities. Carolyn also reported that the Friends are considering signage possibilities for the Book Nook so that it will be more recognizable to patrons.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Amy Bello reported on recent Council activities, which have centered on the budget. The final budget must be approved in May.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dorene discussed the status of the Library budget. Brook presented the budget at the Town Council workshop on April 23. Members who attended agreed it was a very effective presentation. Carolyn Vallieres and Martha Mayer spoke in favor of the Library budget at the public hearing on April 18, as did Dorene and Martha Conneely. Four other speakers also supported the Library during their comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook discussed the monthly report and statistics.

The High School Art and Poetry Slam was a big success. The projector has been installed. The Saturday Cinema program drew over twenty people.

Offers are being made for the part time positions. Those hired are expected to start in the next several weeks.

Town staff is reviewing the draft contract for architectural and engineering services on the renovation project.

There are continuing issues with the inter-library book delivery system. Brook met with Representative Russ Morin to discuss the issues. The libraries in the system continue to work with the State Library in an effort to address delays and backlogs. A statewide task force will assess the long-term viability of the current system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dorene reported that the Finance Committee met April 19. Rosario Polino, the Board's outside financial consultant, was unable to attend. A follow-up meeting with him will be scheduled for a date in May. The Committee will also discuss possible revisions to the Board's investment and financial policies.

The Outreach Committee will meet once there are further developments with the architect's proposals and contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Martha Conneely moved to adjourn. Joe Aguiar seconded. All present voted in favor. The motion passed, 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George Kelly, Secretary.