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**Wethersfield Library Board  
Special Meeting  
May 8, 2006**

**Members Present:** Donna Brown, Greg Curtin, Susan Grady, Gene Grayson, Howard Greenblatt, Brad Milvae, Polly Moon, Karen Mortensen, Lucille Plouffe

**Staff Present:** Laurel Goodgion, Director; Liz Kirkpatrick, Asst. Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Greg Curtin called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Chairman Curtin brought the Board up to date on possible cuts to the Library budget. The Chairman, along with the rest of the Board, is standing firm against further cuts to the budget. The Town Council will vote on Wednesday, May 10, to set the budget for the 2006-07 budget year.

There was a discussion about the two closings of the Library because of the renovation.

Liz Kirkpatrick will compile a report on all library work accomplished during the three-week current closing.

Goals will be set for the longer closing, which will occur later on in the year. A suggestion was made to prioritize the goals and publish them in local newspapers. Laurel and Greg will contact Joyce Rossignol at Wethersfield Life about a possible article on the major closing.

Laurel spoke with Building Official Brian O'Connor, and Fire Marshall Gary Santoro about the possibility of using the Library's ground floor Meeting Room as a temporary library while the rest of the Library is closed to the public. Both agreed that this could be done. The staff would also be located on the ground floor. There will be no access to most of the adult collection, however, as it will be boxed up for the re-opening. The most crucial issue is setting up the Internet, data ports, etc., which Laurel will bring up at the next job meeting.

Polly Moon arrived at 6:16.

Liz Kirkpatrick emailed to town employees the list of work the Library staff is performing during the three-week closing.

The Board agreed to cover the expenses of a luncheon next week for staff members to thank them for their dedication.

Laurel informed the Board of the "Get on Board Wethersfield Forum" sponsored by "DemocracyWorks" and funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, on May 23 from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Keeney Cultural Center. This forum will encourage increased representation of women and people of color on state and local boards and commissions.

Laurel expressed appreciation for the Board's advocacy and continued support.

Chairman Greg Curtin adjourned the special board meeting at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Grady

**Secretary**