

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOWER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY

May 5, 2026 ---7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES

NOTE: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in the Commission Secretary's office in the Town Hall.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson; Bill O'Brien, Janet Tynan, Lori Conant, Sue Ouelette, Pat Najarian, Lauresha Xhiani, Dawn Bertrand and Regina Lynch.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Crystal Caouette

ALSO PRESENT: Library Director: Matt Earls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 6, 2026, with changes, all in favor no one opposed,

MOTION CARRIED

Taxpayer's Time: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

Friends of the Library Report: Mrs. Tynan reported:

- The book sale was a huge success with a profit of over \$6000.00.
- Few book dealers but the books are going to better homes and happy with the book dealers.
- Boy Scouts' landscaping worked out well.
- Adding passes for Barnes Museum in Southington & Lyman Allyn Museum in New London.
- Meeting next Weds. for the next book sale.

Library Director's Report and Financial Report/Bills: Matt Earls reported:

- Library Budget Presentation went well.
- Matt and three others went to the Ct. Library Conference and discussed many of the seminars & presentations.
- Fewer Stats with more depth, journal transaction per month.
- Meg is hosting a block party with the early childhood group. Will have a bubble truck.
- Nathans Robotic team is building a story block. It will take about 6 months to accomplish. Will have a different story every month.
- Received a \$5000.00 grant also in connection with Wolcott's Park & Rec, will be buying bicycles and helmets for kids and teens. Possibly raffle off the bikes for fundraising ideas.
- May 27, a new employee will start.
- Discussed and went over the Financial Report **See: (attached)**.
- Blood Drive -June 4, 2026, from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

Committee Reports:

- **Programs:**
- **Facilities and Grounds:**
- **Finance and Budget:** No dates yet. Town Council will decide in June.
- **Long Range Plan:** Will schedule a meeting soon.
- **Personnel:**
- **Technology:** Technology section of the Long-Range Plan being reviewed.
- **Library Renovations Committee:**

Old Business: None

New Business: Review and approve of updated Building Program: Matt worked hard on the program & submitted it by the deadline. State Library Board will make the final decision. There are few changes. It goes over room by room. Discussed and went over the new proposed construction program.

MOTION: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand to approve the new proposed Library Building Program, all in favor, no one opposed, **Motion Carried**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand to adjourn meeting at **7:52 p.m.** All in favor, no one opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURN: 7:52

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Morrone

Secretary

William O'Brien

Wolcott Library Board of Trustees