

Minutes of the Meeting
Kent Memorial Library Commission

April 14, 2015

Bob Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

I. Roll Call of Members

Present: Mike Alexopoulos	Robert "Bob" Brooks
Rebecca "Becki" Fuller	Joan Greenfield
Joe Grimard	Kathie Harrington
Bruce Rietberg	Robert "Bob" White
Jackie Hemond – Library Director	

II. Public Participation None

III. Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes of March 10, 2014 with no changes made by Becki Fuller. Seconded by Bob White. Passed unanimously.

IV. Communications Received

Jackie Hemond received a complaint letter from a grade 6 student that the 5 PM closing time is too early. She also received a complaint that the library addition is using too many non-Connecticut contractors. Jackie responded to the first person that various circumstances limit us to 5 PM. She pointed out to the second that there were indeed many Connecticut trades people being used.

V. Report of the Director

Jackie Hemond updated us on the progress of the renovations. Two potential delays have proved minor, the outside granite will be a slightly lighter shade, but should darken with age. A skylight near the entrance had to be deleted due to potential leaking problems. In total, we are on schedule to likely move back in sometime in December 2015. The sprinkler system will be exposed below the ceiling, so we will need to consider dealing with the appearance. Regarding shelving for the Historical collection, there may be a grant available to cover much of the cost. However, timing may require adjustments. We are arranging for the collection to be appraised to better determine the necessary space and protection needed when moved back. There has been a slow sign-up to date for the Smart Money Week program. Jackie reminded us again of the negative effects of proposed CT Budget cuts to Inter-Library Loans and other programs, which will be cancelled or severely reduced.

VI. Standing Committees Reports None

VII. Special Committees Reports None

VIII. Unfinished Business

When the Historical appraisal is completed, we can again discuss shelving.

IX. New and Miscellaneous Business

(A) Discussion re amendments to (a) guidelines and (b) policies. Bob Brooks requested the members email suggestions about (a) to himself, and about (b) to Bob White for consolidation.

(B) Discuss participation in Suffield-On-the-Green for 2015. With Chris Rago absent, this was tabled until next meeting.

(C) Other New & Miscellaneous business - None

X. Executive Session

Bob Brooks made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:43 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Kathie Harrington. Unanimous approval. Director Jackie Hemond was invited to attend to aid in discussion.

Kathie Harrington made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Bob White. Unanimous approval.

XI. Adjournment

Bob Brooks adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be May 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rietberg
Secretary
April 20, 2015

Future 2015 Meetings : May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, and November 10 +
Financial Meeting in December.