

WATERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
28 North Main Street – SAL Room
Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Present: Deanna King, Susan Mazza, Margaret Moreland, Rachel Muse, Michelle Baker

Deanna called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

Margaret moved to approve the agenda. Deanna seconded. All in favor.

Deanna moved to approve the April 2023 minutes. Margaret seconded. All in favor.

Public Comment

- The Board welcomed Michelle Baker, treasurer of Friends of the Waterbury Library.

Library Director's Report

- The Library appreciates the several donations it has received in memory of Merry Goldstein.
- The volunteer brunch was very successful and may become an annual event. Thanks to Roeki for creating a fun game that involved everyone present.
- The Library received a donation of power tools that is being considered as an addition to the Library of Things. Margaret suggested that a waiver of liability might be necessary.
- Hybrid programs (in person and online) have been well-attended and there may be more programs using this format in the future.
- Many attended the Friends annual tea and there was unanimous praise for the program on the women's suffragist movement in Vermont and songs created around the movement.
- Rachel attended the Washington County Library Directors meeting.
- The "stuffie sleepover," for children's second favorite stuffed animal (the most favorite staying at home for comfort) was a big hit! After the Library closed for the night, Roeki and Cynthia took pictures of all of the stuffies' antics.
- The Waterbury Roundabout this week featured an article on the Library's successful Queer Reads program. A cartoonist at the last meeting was very popular.
- Well-attended adult programs last month included one on rain gardens, another on object-centered poetry, and many that were on-going. There is also a new regularly scheduled group on rug hooking.
- Outreach next month will consist of a food drive and more work on determining who would be interest in home delivery.
- Reminder: The Friends of the Waterbury Public Library Annual Tea will be on Sunday, May 7.

Town Manager's report:

- Rachel reported for Tom that, although the current budget picture is good, interest rates are currently high and the Board might want to consider having Morgan-Stanley move more funds from equities to fixed income.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan is working to grant the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Karen Petrovic, access to the Morgan Stanley investment accounts.
- She reviewed our current trusts and investments and how they are held. Management is less burdensome with our funds being administered by the Town (while control rests with the Board). The Board is enjoying a good relationship with the Town and Town Manager.

Other Business - General Operations Policy

- Rachel presented an update General Operations Policy. After a short discussion, Deanna moved to accept the policy with the changes agreed upon. Susan seconded. All in favor.
- Rachel will continue reviewing policies which may be out of date.

Deanna adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5 PM

APPROVED: