

**WATERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MINUTES  
28 North Main Street – SAL Room  
Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM**

**Present:** Deanna King, Michelle Baker, Anna Black, Kit Walker, Rachel Muse

**Absent:** Margaret Moreland

Deanna called the meeting to order at 5:27 PM

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

Deanna moved to approve the January 23 and February 8, meeting minutes. Michelle seconded. All in favor.

**Public comment:** none.

**Municipal Manager's Report**

- Tom sent us a draft copy of his letter to Chris Winters, the Commissioner, Department of Children and Families for our review and comments.
- This letter addresses questions and concerns raised by residents, select board members and town employees.
- Tom is asking us to read this promptly and send him comments as soon as possible. Please send any comments to Tom and to Rachel.
- Rachel will send us all an electronic copy of the letter for our review.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Michelle reported on the current status of Library fund investments.
- Michelle recommended that the Library Commission discuss the current allocation of cash and other investments at a future meeting.

**Library Director's Report**

- Rachel attended the "Citizen Have Your Say Day" in Duxbury. The expense item to pay for Duxbury residents to use the Waterbury Library of \$3,500 was widely applauded!
- Rachel commented on the recent Brave Little State coverage of WPL. She appreciated the in-depth coverage and the direct involvement of Waterbury teens and children patrons.
- Rachel, as president of the Catamount Library Network, is finding it is taking up a significant amount of her work time and plans to find a better balance for her work time.
- Deanna's visit to Waterbury Senior Center was a success. It was dubbed: "Pop Up Library at the Senior Center".

**New Business:**

- Rachel asked the Commissioners if we would like to make a statement about the proposed Homeless Shelter. After some discussion, it was decided that there are many unanswered questions at this point that need to be answered by the State before a statement could be drafted
- Rachel suggested that it would be useful to have a Town Committee composed of various professionals to plan and Trouble Shoot about the proposed shelter. She would be willing to participate if a group were formed.

Deanna adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:00 PM