

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 8, 2024
7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT
Hybrid Meeting**

Vice Chair Bielonko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the new Library Director, Amy Vessella was in attendance this evening.

Roll Call

Present: Corbin Adzigirey, Michael Alexopoulos, Klaire Bielonko, Claire Kawalec, Nina Kendrick, Bob Parks, Joe Craven, Christine Sinopoli and Despina Tartsinis

Absent: Denise Boutin

Also present via Zoom or in person: Library Director – Amy Vessella

Public Participation

None

Approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Kent Memorial Library Commission

Commissioner Parks MOTIONED, and Commissioner Kendrick seconded to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Kent Memorial Library Commission as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications Received

None

Vice Chairwoman Bielonko MOTIONED and Commissioner Irwin seconded to amend agenda item number five to remove the word “Administrator” and replace it with “Director.” Motion passed unanimously

Report of the Library Director

Library Director Amy Vessella provided updates on the library, including statistics for the month of September, and reported that the job description for the Assistant Library Director has been revised and will be posted tomorrow. She also noted that she will be meeting with the Director of Public Works tomorrow and is looking forward to gaining a better understanding of the library facilities.

Standing Committee Reports

None

Special Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The Grounds Committee, consisting of Commissioner Adzigirey, Commissioner Irwin, Commissioner Alexopoulos and Commissioner Parks briefly discussed the library courtyard beautification project which had been on hold while the search for a new Library Director was being conducted. It was suggested that the committee should set up some time to meet with Director Vessella to get her thoughts on the project, especially as she will be meeting with the Director of Public Works this week. Commissioner Irwin will take the lead on coordinating a meeting.

Vice Chair Bielonko inquired about plans for the Library Director Welcome Reception. Commissioner Adzigirey and Commissioner Alexopoulos provided high level details and noted that scheduling the event will be the biggest challenge.

Commissioner Kendrick asked Commissioner Irwin if he had received any updates on whether volunteers would be allowed to help clean the library courtyard. Commissioner Irwin stated that he had been researching whether there would be any liability issues that might prevent the volunteers from assisting. He has reached out to the Town Attorney and is awaiting a response.

Public Participation

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Tartsinis MOTIONED and Commissioner Irwin seconded to adjourn at 7:15p.m. p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary