

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday July 20, 2016
Groton Public Library
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order

- II) Roll call

- III) Public Comments

- IV) Communications
 - A. The Library's Sunday closing has been announced and 2 emails were received opposing the move. Both correspondents sent emails to the RTM registering their concerns.

- V) Approval of minutes of the June 15, 2016 Library Board meeting.

- VI) Review of June statistics

- VII) Director's Report
 - A. Library Activities
 - a. The StoryWalk kickoff took place on July 7 at Poquonnock Plains Park.
 - b. The CT Sub Trail submarine is in place in the planter in front of the Library. We are working on additional signage.
 - c. Summer Reading 2016 kicked off on June 25 with 200 participants. After the first 10 days, we had 327 children, 54 teens and 89 adults registered in the program. The kids logged 77,858 pages and the teens entered 30,615 pages.
 - d. GMTV set several records this year:
 - i. Most video hours aired in one month: 562 in April (previous record was 559 in May 2012).
 - ii. Most video hours aired in one year: 5,516 (previous record was 5,224 in 2013-14).
 - iii. Most messages posted in one month: 110 in June (previous record was 107 in June 2013).

B. Projects

- a. Bids for the Library renovation project were opened on June 9 and are being evaluated.
- b. Meetings continue with senior center staff and Club 55 members about an electronic sign that would be shared by the Senior Center and the Library.
- c. GMTV is transitioning from Livestream to YouTube for streaming content. It is free, offers more space for storing content, is more searchable and will be more familiar to users.
- d. We are looking at the possibility of upgrading from SIRSI Symphony to their Enterprise product. Enterprise uses fuzzy searching and autocomplete suggestions. From the hit list, patrons can use a variety of facets to narrow the results—no advanced search techniques are necessary. It will also allow us to customize the website with our own branding and colors.
- e. The Library is investigating participation in the Department of State's Passport Acceptance Program. \$25 from each application would be retained by the Library.

C. Personnel

- a. Applicants for the Library Assistant position were tested on July 6 and the highest scoring candidates will be interviewed by an outside panel. Those on the certified list will be then be interviewed in-house.

VIII) New Business

- A. Reappointment of Shawn Greeley to the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern CT. This is required by the Regulation of CT State Agencies, Sec. 16-333-25. Appointment of advisory council members:

(c) One member shall be appointed to the advisory council in each franchise areato represent all of the libraries of general public use located in the towns within that franchise. In the town in the franchise area having the largest population therein, as determined by the most recent United States census, the public library board charged with oversight and management of the town's public library as defined by Section 11-24a(b) of the General Statutes shall appoint the advisory council member. In the event there is no public library board in charge of the public library in that town, or if the library of general public use in that town, is a private eleemosynary library, or if no library in either category is located in that town, then said advisory council member shall be appointed by the chief elected official of said town. The advisory council member appointed hereunder shall be either a library board member of a professional library staff employee of a public library or a private eleemosynary library of general public use in a town within the franchise area.

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X) Adjournment