

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Groton Public Library
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Marie Shaw.

- II. Roll call: Betty Anne Reiter, Marie Shaw, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Susan Kietzman, Katherine Brighty and Laurel Butler.

Excused: Lenore White, Pennie Fox and Ranjna Bindra

- III. Public Comment: 2 members of the public were here to observe.

- IV. Communications: A letter was received informing Marie Shaw that her term had expired and that she will be reappointed if she is willing to continue serving. Marie has indicated her willingness to remain on the Board.

- V. Approval of minutes of the March 15, 2017 Library Board meeting. Moved by Katherine Brightly and seconded by Susan Keitzman. They were recorded by Rosemary Duval-Arnould. Unanimously approved.

- VI. Review of March statistics. A national report on "Measures that Matter" is due out in the fall which will offer new ways to approach library statistics.

- VII. Director's Report
 - A. Library Director's Activities
 - Agreed to co-chair the Town's Management Team Steering Committee.
 - Offered a presentation about GrantFinder at the March Management Team Meeting.
 - Attended the Groton Business Association meeting on March 16 to inform the business community about the library renovation project.
 - Participated in a community preparedness focus group organized by UConn on March 31.
 - Participated in the CT Places Coalition's Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on March 29. The group advocates for funding for humanities, history and preservation organizations and libraries. The Groton Public Library was invited

to highlight their services in the exhibit hall; the library renovations were featured.

- The Library will host the Town's annual Arbor Day celebration on April 28 with a tree planting ceremony on the Children's Room patio.
 - Met with a local paper conservator about several items in the Library's local history collection.
 - Worked with Connecticut College and Bank Square Books to finalize an agreement with the 2017 One Book author. The author will speak at Connecticut College on September 27.
 - Hosted the grand opening celebration for the newly renovated spaces on March 22. Over 150 people attended the ceremony and tours.
 - Meeting with Bill Memorial Library Director and Board was held on April 17. GPL offered assistance with circulation training and report writing.
- B. TEDxGrotonPublic Library, a TED-like experience organized by library staff, and operated under a license from TED was held on March 23. 20 participants met to discuss "The Power of Keeping an Open Mind". The second event was held on April 18 on the topic of climate change.
- C. To date, 90 passport applications have been processed and approximately \$2,000 has been collected in fees.
- D. Furniture for the renovated areas has been chosen and will be put out to bid.
- E. Budget
- Town Council approved the Library's FY2017 budget request for \$1, 648,049.
 - RTM Community Development Committee considers the budget on April 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom B at the Senior Center.
 - RTM Annual Budget Meeting, May 1, 7 p.m., Groton Senior Center. **This is an opportunity for public comments.**
 - RTM budget presentation will take place on May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

VIII. New Business

- 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 28 all are invited to the Town's annual Arbor Day Planting @ GPL.
- CT Library Conference is May 4 & 5 at Mystic Marriott this year.

IX. Old Business

- X. Adjournment: 7:59 p.m. Moved by Susan Keitzman, seconded by Katherine Brighty,