

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
Groton Public Library  
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

**SPECIAL MEETING**

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7: 05 by Marie Shaw.
- II. Roll call: Betty Anne Reiter, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Katherine Brighty, Laurel Butler, Susan Kietzman, Pennie Fox, Ranjna Bindra, Marie Shaw and Lenore White. Absent: Sean McKenna
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Communications: None
- V. Approval of minutes of the March 16, 2016 Library Board meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pennie Fox and seconded by Susan Kietzman. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Review of March statistics: Statistics are fairly steady. There has been an increase in e-books and downloadable audio and video. The adult non-print has declined somewhat, reflecting the new ways in which users fulfill their entertainment needs.
- VII. Director's Report
  - a. Budget Update

Original Proposed Budget	\$1,691,388
Town Council	\$1,676,954 (removed the computer replacement fund)
RTM Committee	\$1,650,000 (about 2.4% decrease)

April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center: Budget public comment session for the RTM  
May 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groton Senior Center: Library budget session with full RTM

- b. Joint Board Meeting
  - i. The Mystic & Noank Library is hosting this year's joint board meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 7:15 p.m.

- c. *Looking Forward, Giving Back* Building Renovation Update
  - i. On March 31, the State Library confirmed that all project documents are in order and approval to proceed with the bidding process was given. The project should go out to bid in the next week; bid opening is planned for the end of May. Project is estimated to begin mid-July.
  
- d. CT Sub Century Library Subcommittee
  - i. The Library is sponsoring a series of lectures at UConn/Avery Point. May 4: *Surviving BRAC*, May 18: *They Also Served: Submarined Spouses Then and Now*, June 1: *The Future of the Submarine Force and Submarine Warfare* and June 8: *The History of Electric Boat*.
  - ii. A StoryWalk™ featuring *Super Submarines* will be installed at Poquonnock Plains Park in early July.
  - iii. The Library is organizing Library Day at the Submarine Force Museum on July 13.
  
- e. Library Activities
  - i. The Library was contacted by a researcher for the *Oxford English Dictionary* asking for assistance with verifying a quote in the 1992 first edition of a book by Jo Beverley, called *An Unwilling Bride*. A member of the reference staff was able to confirm their entry for “widgeon” by locating the following quote, "Am I supposed to believe you to be a naive little widgeon?"
  - ii. About 800 people attended the author presentation by Bryan Stevenson for *One Book* on April 4 at Connecticut College.
  - iii. Volunteers were honored at a tea on April 13 where it was announced that volunteer Terry Ziegler was the winner of CLA’s 2016 Edith B. Nettleton Award for outstanding volunteer service. She received the award at the annual conference on April 22.
  
- f. Projects
  - i. Hosted a meeting of the directors of libraries in eastern CT to discuss areas of common concern.
  - ii. Attended Circle of Friends meeting on March 31 and discussed future directions for the group.
  
- g. Personnel
  - i. An outside panel will conduct the first round of interviews for a Librarian I on April 28.

VIII. New Business:

- a. The Board meeting of May 18 has been cancelled, due to the RTM meeting on May 9. All board members are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled Board meeting is June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. A mini submarine will be placed outside the main entrance as part of the submarine trail.

IX. Old Business: None

- X. Ajournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Kietzman and seconded by Ranjna Bindra. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rosemary Duval-Arnould

Secretary

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