

## TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

WETHERSFIELD LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting of February 24, 2015 - Approved

### MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

Joseph Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Peter Denegre, Mary Frazier, Hannah Granfield, Laila Mandour, Terry Santapaola

EXCUSED: George Kelly

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brook Berry, Library Director  
Julie Konopka, Friends of the Library Co-Chair

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (see Motions)

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends Co-Chair Julie Konopka reported that the town-wide mailing increased membership by 16 percent, from 255 members to 296 members; new members included 45 families and 25 individuals and several new volunteers.

### LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dorene Ciarcia reported that Brook Berry and she met with Jeff Kotkin, Council Liaison, regarding budget matters.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES (see Motions)

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brook Berry reported that the January door count statistics issue is resolved. She is investigating the online patron session statistics as they have dropped over the past few months. The reason for the drop may be that the service reporting the statistics may have changed the way it is making its calculations of hits and views.

The snow occurrences have hit the library hard because of the many closures the library has had as a result of the storms.

There have been several well attended programs held over the last month, including teens decorating cupcakes, music makers and book bingo.

The budget is currently on track with 60% spent thus far.

Brook provided an insurance update. The current insurance that the library is paying includes employment practices liability insurance for directors and officers insurance, which is covered by the town insurance. There was discussion about such coverage being superfluous since the town provides it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee and Outreach Committees

No reports – quarterly committee meetings will be scheduled for this year.

FY 15-16 LIBRARY BUDGET

Brook Berry discussed the FY 15-16 budget. She is actively working on securing funds to add a teen librarian, but at this time she has not been able to find funds to do this. She is lacking approximately \$31,000. The overall budget increase for FY15-16 is 2.65%.

There is a public hearing on the budget on April 20, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (see Motions)

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 PM.