NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Municipal Office Complex
JULY 7, 2026
7:000 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING

Attendees: Maureen Sullivan, Shea Jezek, Jennifer Esty, John Bielot. Elizabeth Dillon, Dawn Barlow, Deborah Willard, James Leatherbee **Also Present:** Evelyn Morgen
Jennifer Esty was appointed a full Board Member for this meeting in Laure White's absence.

1.The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. A motion to approve the June 22, 2026 minutes was made by D. Willard and 2nd was made by J. Bielot. During the discussion D.Barlow was added to the Identification of Possible Library Site Visits subcommittee.

3. What We Bring to This Work
   A. Jennifer Esty presented to the members her strengths and experiences she will bring to the Committee.

4. Phase 1 Work Plan Updates
   A. Review of Accessibility Guidelines
      The following topics were discussed:
      Profile of an ADA Individual in 2026
      ADA Physical Requirements for Small Libraries 2026
      ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Standards needed by April 24, 2027
      ADA library, accessibility checklists, covering entrances, restroom, signage, furniture, and program areas.
      Physical space adaptation and storage
   B. Review of Current State CT Library Requirements
      The following information was presented and discussed:
      CT State Library-Development Department 2026 Construction Information
      CT State Library's Construction Grant Program Guide
      CT State Library 2026 Construction Grant Timeline
      Innovative ways to connect to the public
   C. Identification of Possible Library Site Visits
      The following town libraries were suggested a visitation sites:

Canton	New Canaan
East Hampton	Putman
Glastonbury	Redding
Lebanon	Southington
Madison	Washington
Middletown	

      New construction as well as existing buildings will be considered.

   D. Planning and Zoning's Role
      Chairman of Planning and Zoning, Crary Brownell, will be a contact person.

M. Sullivan, E. Morgen and J. Bielot will craft a document stating specifications of a new library building site for submission to Planning and Zoning.
Their August meeting is the target month for presenting this information.

5. Digital Document Storage

A. M. Hall will create a dedicated email account for Chairperson M. Sullivan.
B. M. Hall will set up digital storage for the New Library Exploratory Committee.

6 Review of Possible Logo Designs

A. J. Bielot presented six possible designs. Members identified the logos they thought best represented the project.
B. Two logos were identified.
C. J. Bielot will incorporate suggestions and present the logos at the next meeting.

7. Initial Discussion of Possible Components of a New Library

A. Members made suggestions of possible enhancements to the new library.

Outdoor space	Meeting rooms
Outdoor trails	Emergency shelter for the town
Story trail	Marker space

B. Suggestion was made possibly to invite some knowledgeable individuals to assist the committee in this concept.

8. Audience of Citizens

A. None

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Shea Jezek