NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Municipal Office Complex
August 18, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting

Attendees: Maureen Sullivan, Evelyn Morgen, Dawn Barlow, Deborah Willard, John Bielot, Elizabeth Dillon, Shea Jezek, Jim Leatherbee
Absent: Jennifer Esty

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

2. A motion to approve the August 4, 2026 minutes was made by J. Bielot and 2nd was made by D. Willard. M. Sullivan reported that she does not have the authority to appoint J. Esty as a member. This is the responsibility of the Board of Selectman. This will be on their agenda at their next meeting. The minutes were revised to make this clear. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. A motion was made by B. Dillon and 2nd was made by d. Willard to appoint S. Jezek as Secretary. The motion was passed unanimously. Since S. Jezek is currently Vice President, it will be checked with L. Zemienieski to see if a conflict exists.

4. Library Site Visits
   A. Review of Checklist: It was decided that the committee would work with E. Morgen's Library Site Visit Ckecklist with the following changes: More space was needed for each subsection. Although the document will be longer, it will be easier to translate into a spreadsheet. This document will be revisited at the September 1, 2026 meeting.
   B. Identification of Teams to Visit Libraries:
      Putman Public Library/Willington Public Library
      E. Dillon & J. Esty
      Canton Public Library/Haddam Public Library
      D. Willard & S. Jezek
      East Hampton Public Library/Jonathan Trumbull Public Library
      J. Esty
      E. Morgen will interview A. Murphy from the Scranton Library
      J. Leatherbee, D. Barlow, and J. Bielot will volunteer as needed.

5. Committee Email Set up and Digital Document Storage
   M. Sullivan will send out an NLEC email test tomorrow, August 19th.

6. Status of Request to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
   E. Morgen and J. Bielot will attend the August 25th Planning and Zoning Meeting and will report back to the the committee on September 1st. J. Bielot distributed *A Brief History of East Haddam Library Planning* document that he had prepared. It was agreed that this will be presented at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

7. Use of New Logo
   It was decided that the NLEC Logo will be utilized on public documents and external communications.

8. Audience of Citizens
   There was no Audience of Citizens.

9. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted: Shea Jezek