NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Municipal Office Complex
Sept 1, 2026
7:000 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

Attendees: Maureen Sullivan, Shea Jezek, Jennifer Esty, J. Bielot, D. Willard, D. Barlow. Also present: Evelyn Morgen
Also Present: Planning& Zoning Subgroup: Crary Brownell, Maureen Pierson, Rich Pettinelli
Absent: E. Dillon & J. Leatherbee

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

2. Review and Approval of August 18th Meeting Minutes
Motion to accept the minutes was made by J. Bielot
2nd was made by D. Willard
Accepted unanimously

3. Library Site visit plan:
1. E.Morgen presented The New Library Exploratory Committee Checklist to be used by Committee Members for site visits.
2. The document is a compilation of discussions of the NLEC and finalized by E. Morgen and D. Willard and will be used on all site visits.
3. E. Morgen will contact the individual libraries to begin arranging the visits.
4. Each group will identify the dates of perspective visits.

4. Review of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on August 25th Meeting
1. J. Bielot and E. Morgen reported on their attendance of the meeting
a. The need to solicit help from the P&Z Committee
b. Specific building requirements of the CT. State Library
c. Findings from the 2022 Library Study Committee
2. Desire to refer the choice of properties to the P&Z Subgroup
3.Reconvene with the P&Z Subcommittee on Oct. 20, 2026
4. M. Sullivan and E. Morgen will setup email communications with C. Brownell

5. Review of Key Activities Going Forward
1. P&Z will review properties.
2. Enlist the assistance of architects and space planners who have offered to assist pro bono.
4. Explore recommended funding options.

6. New Business
1. E. Morgen distributed a Path Forward draft letter to be reviewed by the committee.
2. The final letter will be submitted by M. Sullivan.

7. Audience of Citizens
1. None
2. Moving forward M. Sullivan will be the recipient of any emails

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54

Respectfully submitted: S. Jezek