NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Municipal Office Complex
September 15, 2026
7:000 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

Attendees: M. Sullivan, S. Jezek, J. Esty, J. Bielot. E. Dillon, D. Barlow, D. Willard, J. Leatherbee **Also Present:** E. Morgen

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

2. The September 1, 2026 minutes were read.
   A. A motion made by E. Dillon to accept the minutes.
   B. A 2nd was made by D. Willard
   The minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Library Site Visits Updates
   A. J. Esty and D. Barlow visited town libraries in Lebanon and East Hampton.
      The takeaways were the necessity for parking, storage, a space for teens and as isolated space for community activities.
   B. A matrix will be created to document all findings.
   C. The committee will discuss how to best consolidate findings.

4. Brief Review of the visit by the Planning and Zoning Team
   A. M. Sullivan thanked J. Bielot for his role in involving a Planning and Zoning Team.
   B. The Planning and Zoning Team will attend the Oct. 20th meeting to share their findings and possible sites for the new library.

5. Initial Discussion of Potential Architects and Space Planners
   A. Developing a Concept is a priority.
   B. A list of potential resources was suggested in no particular order.
      1. George Felner, Architect
      2. Elizabeth Dillon, Space Planner
      3. UCONN Landscape Architect
      3. Margaret Sullivan
      4. Maggie Gervais of Newfield Construction
      5. Hany Hassan
      6. Architects from libraries that were visited
      7. Jennifer Esty

6. Initial Discussion of Potential Funding Options
   A. The following options will be investigated:
      1. Sale of Properties
      2. State Bonding
      3. Federal Programs
      4.Fundraising (S. Kinsman)
      5 Private Donors
      6. Elected Officials
      7. Land Donation
      8. Patrons
      9. Grant Writers
      10. Bank of America Trust
      11. Funding from the Individual Libraries

7. New Business
   A. NPR School Library Podcast
   B. Possibility of changing Nov. 3rd meeting date

8. Old Business

A. None

9. Audience of Citizens

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

J. Esty made the motion; J. Bielot second.

Respectfully Submitted: Shea Jezek