NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
Municipal Office Complex
October 6, 2026
7:000 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

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

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

2. Approval of September 15th Meeting Minutes

A. A motion made by J. Esty to accept the minutes.
B. A 2nd was made by E. Dillon
The minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Library Site Visits Updates and Plan for Review of the Results

A. D. Willard and S. Jezek visited the Canton Public Library and Brainerd Library. E. Dillion and J. Esty visited the Putnam Library and the Willington Library. Reports were given discussing the findings both positive and negatives of each of the buildings and grounds.
B. E. Dillon presented a matrix which will be implemented to summarize and evaluate the findings.
C. J. Esty will create a Google document to consolidate the information.

4. Discussion of the Planned Visit by the Planning and Zoning Team on Oct. 20, 2026

A. M. Sullivan asked J. Bielot to take the lead at the October 20th meeting with Planning and Zoning representatives.
B. Geographical location, Population density, and Visibility were priorities when considering possible location sites.
C. Possible locations were discussed.
D. Request Planning and Zoning investigate properties closer to Hadlyme.

5. Review of Proposed Next Steps to Enlist the Assistance of Architectural and Construction Firms

A. The Newfield Construction Company has offered their services as we proceed.

6. New Business

A. E. Dillon asked if there is a need to survey the community. M. Sullivan responded to suggest this would be a future agenda item and possibly be added to the Oct. 20th Agenda.

7. Old Business

A. The current ADA Accessibility Guidelines have been compiled into a document. M. Sullivan commented that the document is very well done and has prompted her to begin thinking about the outline of the Committee's Report.
B. M. Sullivan asked if it might be possible to move the start time of the November 3rd meeting to 6:30 PM. Committee members agreed to the time change

8. Audience of Citizens

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM by consent.

Respectfully Submitted: Shea Jezek