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**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of January 22, 2013**

Members present: Joe Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Mary Frazeur, George Kelly, Clare Meade, Stephanie McKenna, Dan Silver.

Others: Laurel Goodgion, Library Director; Regina Aleksandravicius, Children's Services Manager.

Excused: John Gallivan, Ellyn Laramie,

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Clare Meade called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None .

REPORT: Children's Services Manager Regina Aleksandravicius reported on the Connecticut State Library *Every Child Ready to Read* grant which she had been awarded and the *Family Place* training workshop that she and Librarian Ellen Harzewski attended. The *Every Child* project stresses that learning begins at birth and the role of the parent as a child's first teacher, preparing a child to be ready to read and ready to learn when they enter school. It expands the traditional library role from child-centered to family-centered. Some of the project activities include providing workshops for parents and loaning literacy kits to families. The *Family Place* training focused on how to make a library children's area a welcoming public space for families.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: no report

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON: no report

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN: Clare Meade shared some articles with the Board members regarding the new library model that the Brooklyn Public Library is creating and library services in the digital age.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 4, 2012.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Laurel reported on the recent bedbug inspections of the

Library. Public Health Director Paul Hutcheon was very helpful in providing information to Laurel; He and the pest control owner both attended a staff meeting to provide information and answer questions.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013-2014.

Finance Committee Chair Dorene Ciarcia reported on the proposed budget. Salaries make up the largest part of the budget. Staff will be receiving a 2% increase. The new state law mandating sick leave will have an impact on the budget. No increase is anticipated in health insurance but there will be increases in pension and worker's compensation costs. The program request includes \$1,050 to provide for adult book discussions. Office machinery services covers annual maintenance costs for the RFID equipment which will no longer be covered by warranties.

There will be a special board meeting on February 5, 2013 at 7 p.m. to thoroughly review the budget, which will be voted on at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McKenna

The meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,
Ellyn Laramie. Secretary