

Public Library of New London Special Meeting March 27, 2012

This special meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4 p.m. Its purpose was to address two issues: the budget for the fiscal year 2013 to be presented to the City Council and the selection of a company to replace the current heating system.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, L. Gonzalez, D. Hersant, D. Roth, . B.Willoughby, M. Freiss-McSparran (City Council Representative), S. Maryeski (Director)

Absent/Excused: J. Briddell, E. Gerity, J. Gonzalez, W. Hannaford

1. David Hersant, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget (see enclosed) and noted that it represents an approximate 2 ½% increase in total expenses for the Library. It includes a 2% increase in staff salary expense, not including the Director's salary, and anticipates, hopefully, an increase in the grant from the city of \$30,000. This seems warranted because of the large increase in the Library's usage by the public and the many new services it is now offering.

Motion made by B. Willoughby to approve the budget, seconded by L. Gonzalez, and passed unanimously.

2. Gordon Angell, Building & Grounds Chairman, reported that five bids had been received for replacing the current oil burner with a high efficiency gas burner system. The bids ranged from \$42,910 to \$77,500. All were similar in what would be included, except that some provided for a one burner vs. a two burner system. All included a one year warranty on the installations and a ten year warranty on the burners. It is anticipated that the gas system will be half as expensive to run as the current oil system. The committee recommends the selection of World Energy of Cromwell, CT to be the supplier of a new two burner gas system (recommended by Yankeegas as well). It also happens to be the low bidder (\$42,910).

Motion made by G. Angell to select World Energy to replace the Library's current heating system with a high efficiency gas system, seconded by L. Gonzalez, and passed unanimously.

Prior to adjournment it was noted that a Community Development Block Grant hearing would take place on April 16 and that David Hersant would attend to speak for the Library.

The special meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Doherty, Secy Pro Tem