***TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON***

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, JULY 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

**EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Chairperson Amy Ordonez, Vice Chairperson Cynthia Shirshac, Victoria Fielding, Melissa Jones, Melinda Jones, James Monahan, Ellen Paul (Library Director), and Alan Hurst (Friends of the Library)

**Absent:** Jack Solomon

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Ordonez called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting**

*Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melissa Jones, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 5, 2017. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

At this time Chairperson Ordonez introduced new member Melinda (Mimi) Jones.

**Director’s Report –** The Director’s Report is attached to these minutes.

**Public Comment –** None

**Old Business:**

**Friends of the Library –**Alan Hurst was present to discuss the FOL. There are now 13 members and he is looking to hold a reorganizational meeting in August.

**Consortiums** – Director Paul presented information on Library Consortiums that the library could join, including comparisons on cost and services. She stated that the three reasons she would like to have the library join are for the patrons, as there will be a collection of physical and electronic items of ten times what is currently available; the technology and technological support will be supplied by the consortium which frees up staff resources; and it would bring the library up a step technologically. The library was a member of the Libraries Online (LION) consortium until 2004.

Members reviewed the information and discussed the offerings with Ms. Paul. The Town Manager has given his authorization for the library to join the LION consortium. Library staff agrees that the benefits outweigh the negatives.

*Mr. Monahan moved and Ms. Melissa Jones seconded to support the decision for the East Hampton Public Library to join the Libraries Online (LION) consortium in accordance with Director Paul’s educated opinion. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

**Membership to the Association of CT Library Boards (ACLB) –** Chairperson Ordonez and Director Paul will work together to gain membership to the ACLB for the group.

**State Budget Update:** The State Library is dropping their subscription to the Hartford Courant archives, which is a huge loss for researchers. In the current proposed State budget, there is $0 for the CT Library Consortium.

**New Business** :

**Community Conversation Discussion –** A discussion occurred on the community conversation workshop. Board members found the conversation to be enlightening and valuable. Director Paul discussed facilitating the conversations in about six or seven sessions, then looking at the trends amongst each. There was discussion on how to make sure that all members of the community are invited and how to reach out to certain groups. As was mentioned during the workshop, there can be expectation of new services or initiatives, but that information will be shared widely - back with the public, the Town Manager and other Town departments.

**Public Comment –** None

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Ordonez adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M*.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti

Recording Clerk