NEW LIBRARY EXPLORATORY MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 22, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Attendees: Maureen Sullivan, Shea Jezek Elizabeth Dillon, Dawn Barlow, John Bielot, Deborah Willard, James Leatherbee **Also Present:** Evelyn Morgen

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

2. The June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Schedule was revised and accepted as submitted.
   A. Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M.
   B. It was requested that any member who knows in advance if he/she will not be able to attend a meeting, please let Maureen Sullivan know.

4. Round Robin Sharing of What We Bring to This Work
   A. Each member in attendance verbalized their strengths and experiences that they will be able to bring to this committee.
   B. Members not in attendance this evening will speak to this issue at the next meeting.

5. Phase 1 Work Plan and Assignments
   A. Review and Accessibility Guidelines
      1. Beth Dillon and Shea Jezek will work on this assignment
   B. Review of Current CT and State Requirements.
      1. Maureen Sullivan and Evelyn Morgen will work on this assignment.
   C. Identification and Brie Description of Potential Sites
      1. The Committee decided that at this point in time this investigation is premature and conversations with the First Selectman and Chairman of Planning and Zoning are needed. This objective will be revisited at a later date.
   D. Identification of Possible Library Site Visits
      1. Deborah Willard and James Leatherbee will work on this assignment.
6. Digital Document Storage
   A. John Bielot will reach out to the town to see if the town has the capability to provide this service to the New Library Exploratory Committee. He will also see if the Committee can have its own email address.
7. Review of Possible Logo Design
   A. Drafts of logos were passed out and studied by the Committee. Members will forward ideas to John Bielot. Our Mission Statement and “The Path Forward” should be considered as information we wish to impart.
8. Newspaper Reports to the Community
   A. Evelyn Morgan shared her article entitled “The Path Forward”, an update from the New Library Exploratory Committee. It has been submitted to the East Haddam Newspaper for publication. The article was well received by the attending members.
9. There was no Audience of Citizens.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31

Respectfully submitted: Shea Jezek