

# TOWN OF STONINGTON

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**BOARD OF FINANCE**

**LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**TOWN HALL 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

**4:00 PM Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Board of Finance Members in attendance: Danielle Chesebrough and June Strunk  
Members of the Public: Stonington Free Library: Allegra Griffiths, Denise Easton, Belinda DeKay, and Micayla Hall. Mystic and Noank Library: Roberta Donahue, Karen Wall and Bill Turner.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

**Comments from the Public:** To start the meeting attendees shared their views on the accomplishments of the sub-committee to-date. This included: improving the broader understanding of how libraries operation, how relevant they are to the community and challenges they face today. The libraries noted it was good to increase the connections among the three libraries and saw potential in future collaborations. The BoF has obtained increased knowledge on the needs of each library. There was agreement that two practical ideas to come out of the group to-date were the prospect of including a donation card request in Stonington residence tax cards and the potential of a Library week celebrated by all three towns.

**Potential next steps were identified as:**

- Looking for joint fundraising grants
- Drafting an article for the paper to showcase the importance of libraries to the community, the challenges they face and showcasing-despite these challenges- some of the amazing programs they each offer.
- Examining the potential for a new budget category for libraries, as well as PNC, the Como and Ambulances. As these groups serve in quasi-municipal functions.
- The BoF is to share feedback on a one-page document that could be shared with the BoF, and general public, ahead of the 12 February budget presentation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle Chesebrough  
Acting Secretary