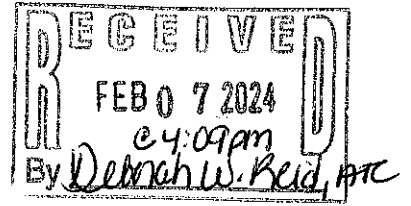


PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2024
8:00 p.m.



South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the amendments to Chapter 66 Library, Article I. In General, Section 66-1 Public library, Article II Organization Section 66-2 Library Department, Section 66-3-66-35 Reserved and Article III Board of Directors Section 66-36.

Mayor Delnicki called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Recording Secretary read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto,).

Public Comment

Mayor Delnicki asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Kathy Sharos, pointed out that the current board has a cumulation of 153 years of volunteer service on the library board. Kathy gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the library board including recommendations for the budget. Ms. Sharos is opposed to converting the Library to a Town Department and having the Library Board serve as an advisory role.

Linda Jeski, voices concerns with converting the library to a Town department. Ms. Jeski notes that the current library Director has only been in the position for a short time and should be given more time to fix the issues. Ms. Jeski is concerned that the council would try to monitor the content that the library would provide.

Ann Louise Fournier, president of the Friends of the Library recalls interactions within the library. Ms. Fournier points out the variety of services and uses the library provides. Ms. Fournier

Audrey Breen, resident, Librarian at South Windsor Library, and president of the Library Workers Union. Ms. Breen supports making the Town a Library Department as it would provide much needed clarity and transparency in terms of policies and budgeting. Ms. Breen noted that there were inconsistencies with policy enforcement and no recourse for the inconsistencies.

Daria Plummer, voiced concerns with lack of communication between the Board and the Town Council. Mrs. Plummer urged the council to postpone the decision, which would allow the Director of the Library time to remedy the lack of communication and address other concerns.

Erica Evans, a member of the Moms Club recounted a lack of programming and direction at the Children's Library. Ms. Evans noted that there are programs that are organized outside of South Windsor in surrounding communities such as Windsor and Manchester.

Mayor Delnicki asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those **supporting** the updated master plan: **2**


Those in **opposition** of the updated master plan: **16**

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:23 p.m.

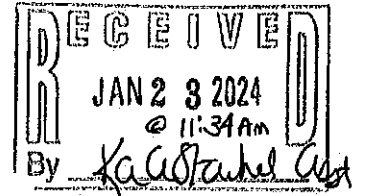
Respectfully submitted,

Amanda N. Poma
Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice – attached

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LEGAL AD

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Notice is hereby given that the South Windsor Town Council has set Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the South Windsor Town Hall, 1540 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, Connecticut, as the time and place for a Public Hearing to receive citizen input on amendments to Chapter 66 Library, Article I. In General, Section 66-1 Public library, Article II Organization Section 66-2 Library Department, Section 66-3-66-35 Reserved and Article III Board of Directors Section 66-36.

Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 23rd day of January 2024.

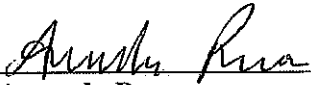
Attested to by: 
Amanda Poma
Clerk of the Council

Exhibit C

Chapter 66 LIBRARY

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 66-1. Public library.

(a) A public library is established to be called the South Windsor Public Library, which shall under the proper regulations to be proposed by the directors and adopted by the Town be free to all the inhabitants of the town.

(b) The town treasurer is authorized to receive such sums as may from time to time be paid to the town for library purposes.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Secs. 66-2 Library Department.

(a) The Town Manager shall establish a Library Department within the Town's department organizational structure and shall have oversight of all aspects of the operations of the library as a department of the Town of South Windsor.

(b) The Town shall provide suitable space and rooms for public library purposes.

(c) The Town Manager shall employ a Library Director who shall serve as advisor to the Board of Directors of the library and implement the policies of the Town and the library as directed by the Town Manager.

(d) Library employees shall be considered Town employees, eligible to participate in all aspects of Town employee benefits.

Secs. 66-3-66-35. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 66-36. Duties.

The directors shall recommend to the Town reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of the library