

North Branford Library Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held August 7, 2008 at Atwater Library

Present: Marion Bradley, Chairperson Also present: Valerio Giodone (Schoenhardt)
Carol Davidson, Vice-Chairperson Richard Brannigan, Town Manager
Suzanne Kolakowski, Treasurer
Bob Hull, Library Director Absent: Carolyn Candelora, Secretary
Betty Thomas, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. It should be noted that Ron Ragozzino has resigned his position leaving vacancies on both the board and the building committee. The only item discussed was the construction project. Approval of the May 8 and June 5 minutes (no quorum in July) was tabled.

Library construction project

Bob handed out the original and revised plans. Valerio Giodone of Schoenhardt presented the revised plans. With latest revisions, square footage now stands at 12,000 for each library. In keeping within the budget, all new construction at Atwater will be done on one story, the bend eliminated and the elevator replaced by a lift. The town manager said that the town council has made it very clear what its limits are and that Atwater's current plan reflects the overall goals in making it a showpiece in the center of North Branford. He said that recent budget reductions were made to things that will never be seen (i.e., metal framing instead of wood, one story is cheaper than two), in order to construct an acceptable yet affordable building. The board felt that the meeting with the architect and town manager was very informative.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.