

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE
September 8, 2021**

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A special meeting of the Recreation & Culture Committee was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 via Zoom due to the Covid Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 P.M. by the Chair, Jody Clouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Clouse, Chair; Athena Gary, Vice-Chair; Kathleen Schomaker; Dominique Baez; Justin Farmer; Betty Wetmore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Berita Rowe-Lewis

PUBLIC INPUT: There were 2 speakers and 4 written comments which can be read here: <https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/4685/PublicComments-09-08-2021>

The following items were addressed:

1. Order authorizing the Hamden Public Library to accept and expend up to \$100,000 in funds from the State of Connecticut, Connecticut State Library Board

-- Moved by Ms. Clouse, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Library Director Melissa Canham-Clyne said this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to help with digital inclusion and it will help strengthen their relationship with QVHD, Clifford Beards, and the Keefe Center. Mr. Farmer thanked Ms. Canham-Clyne for her work on this saying this is a great program and he fully supports it. Ms. Schomaker also thanked Ms. Canham-Clyne for her leadership in reaching out during the pandemic.

A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Jody Clouse, Chair