Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.
In Attendance: Mike Ragaisis, Sandy Mazeau, Jodi Kryzanski, Sandy Hierl, Julia Pizzoferrato, Alyssa Colasanto, Laura Hedenberg, Sri Srinivasan and Marie Spratlin Hasskarl
Absent: Kevin Mullen, Craig Winter

Minutes for February: No clarification or corrections needed. Motion to approve Mike Ragaisis seconded Sandy Hierl

Communications: Newsletter from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards

TAC Business: April has only a few activities: Current Events for Teens, April 13th, 6:30 pm since the election attendance has been on the rise. TAC meeting April 29, 2 pm Food Program - Pretzel Turtle Treats

Building Update: The project is moving forward at a cost of $3.1 million. The town has informed BOLD that they have decided to replace the New Building Committee with CREC for oversight of the project completion. Estimated time frame: start within a few weeks, completed in 6 months

Kryzanski makes a motion (seconded by Hierl) to draft a letter from the BOLD to the Town Selectman requesting the following information in writing in relation to recent decisions made about the Library Expansion Project:

1. A summary of the town’s action to hire CREC to represent the town in the management and oversight of the library expansion project and the specific reasons for this action.
2. A statement explaining the role, if any, of the New Building Committee moving forward; and
3. The town/CREC’s plan for updating the BOLD on the building project process (format and frequency).

The letter will be shared with the BOLD for review, revision as needed, and approval.

Director’s Report: Budget–currently 69% expended, entering the final quarter of the fiscal year in great shape. On April 5th, Marie will meet with the Board of Finance to discuss the 2017-18 budget, currently the library has proposed a budget with a 2.5 % increase for 2017-18.

Statistics: Strong numbers for March - upward movement in many areas (e.g., circulation, new items, DVDs, self-checkout) Monthly visitors down for the month, but up overall.

Punch List: Nothing new to note

New Business: There is a concern that the Mounted Bald Eagle donated to the BPL may be damaged during the expansion. Hasskarl has been in contact with Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area to house the eagle during the expansion project (and beyond) while remaining the property of BPL. A contract has been drafted to be considered and approved by Sessions Woods. The BOLD is in full support of this action.

Friends Update: Meeting next week on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.
Submitted by: Jodi Kryzanski, BOLD Secretary