### **MINUTES**

# EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

### SPECIAL MEETING

## THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

# **RATHBUN LIBRARY 7:00 PM**

In Attendance: Board Members Eileen Schwartz, Maureen Gillis, Barbara Kiley, Shea Jezek, Celina Nelan, Dawn Barlow, Lucille Gardner, Andrea Pascal, Chris Antaya

Also in Attendance: Madelene Francese

Discussion of fund raising ideas and needs:

- Need to create brand around single system
  - Put mission statement in both libraries
  - Need a strategic plan
  - Make sure library is represented at community events
  - Advertising
- Friends
  - Ask 2 Friends organizations to form transition committee to discuss combining organizations
  - Have Town attorney look into how best to merge Friends 501(c)(3)
- Funding
  - o Create special fund at Town level for bequests, etc.
  - Create brochure
  - o Approach Liberty Bank, Middlesex Community Foundation for funding
  - Who else can we partner with? Think beyond East Haddam (who funds library groups, youth programs, etc)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.