

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2011, AT 8:30 P.M.**

A special meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, in the Community Room of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Janet Nina Esagoff – President  
Anna Kaplan – Vice President  
Joel Marcus – Secretary  
Varda Solomon – Treasurer  
Marietta DiCamillo – Assistant Treasurer  
Josie Pizer, Assistant Treasurer  
Martin Sokol

Also present:

Jane B. Marino – Director  
Laura Weir – Assistant Director  
Bob Goldberg – Legal Counsel (Farrell Fritz, P.C.)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on motion by Marietta DiCamillo and seconded by Josie Pizer for the purpose of discussing the bids received from construction managers for the replacement of the cooling tower, to provide an update on the Collective Bargaining for staff as well as to discuss the potential members of the advisory committee for the Main Building project. No action was taken. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. on motion by Marietta DiCamillo and seconded by Josie Pizer.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Esagoff called the public meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

## **COOLING TOWER**

Ms. Marino reported that this past summer the Board had directed her to get some proposals for the installation of a permanent cooling tower regardless of the outcome of the referendum. Dattner Architects drew up construction plans for the tower. Three bids were received from construction managers and the Board deliberated on them during executive session.

**Upon motion by Varda Solomon and seconded by Martin Sokol, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees, select Park East Construction Company as the construction manager for the purpose to replace the cooling tower. Their fee for this work will be 7% of the cost of the actual work and this money will be taken from the Main Building and Special Services fund.

Trustee DiCamillo explained that the 7% is a percentage of the cost to install the cooling tower and this does not bond the Board to any particular project. It allows the construction manager to bid the job out to get actual numbers so he can move forward in replacing the cooling tower which no longer functions.

These bids will be brought to the Board who will then make the final decision.

Public Comment: Ralene Adler, Norman Rutta, Leslie Kahn, Joan Adickman, Unidentified Gentleman

**VOTE:** Yes – 7 (DiCamillo, Esagoff, Kaplan, Marcus, Pizer, Sokol, Solomon)  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

## **FORMATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Trustee DiCamillo, new Chair for this committee, thanked the Board for agreeing to have her as Chair and she looks forward in working with the three Trustees on the Committee – Josie Pizer, Varda Solomon and Martin Sokol. Eight to nine members of the public were selected from a list of 28 volunteers. They will be sent an email requesting whether they will be able to devote the amount of time that will be needed. The list of professional volunteers will be handled in the same manner. She looks forward to moving this project along with a successful outcome and she believes that they have a good combination of people to do that.

The charge of this committee is to advise the Board and come up with an additional plan and budget to be presented to the Board no later than July 1, 2012, so the Board can move forward with hiring the professionals needed to bring the building to a full renovation.

Ms. Marino indicated that the committee has been formed and will meet as soon as possible. The chair and herself will put together a schedule and the Committee will begin its work. The first order of business is to review the original RFP at the first meeting. The Director and her staff will come up with numbers that may have changed in terms of the collection. The Committee will come up with a list of recommendations for the architect so that he can move forward with the revised plan.

Public Comment: Karen Rubin, Dan Nachmanoff

## **OPEN TIME**

Carol Frank, Karen Rubin, Ralene Adler, Leslie Kahn

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Marietta DiCamillo, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Marcus  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees