

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.**

A Budget Workshop followed by a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in the Community Room of the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Linda Cohen – President
David Kahn – Vice President
Joyce Klein – Secretary
William Morrill – Treasurer
Alice Nayer – Assistant Treasurer
Bette Weidman – Assistant Treasurer
Norman Rutta

Also present: Arlene Nevens – Library Director
Laura Weir – Assistant Library Director
Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Linda Cohen called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET

Business Manager Zitofsky reported on changes that were made to the first draft of the 2006 operating budget. This second draft saw a total expenditure of \$7,857,500, a 3.4% increase over the 2005 Budget. Tax appropriations were cut by \$7,000 to \$7,545,000 which was a 3.8% increase over the 2005 tax revenues. The applied balance, which was decreased by \$3,500, now stands at \$139,900.

This second draft of the proposed budget will be presented for a public hearing and adoption on April 19, 2005. If adopted, it will be transmitted to the Great Neck School District for placing on the May 17, 2005 School District ballot for a budget vote.

Public Comments: Melvin Zeller, Ralene Adler

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Alice Nayer, chair of the Building Committee, reported on the meeting that was held at the North Hempstead Town Hall with President Linda Cohen, Director Arlene Nevens, Supervisor Jon

Kaiman, Building Commissioner David Wasserman and two other persons from the Building Department to discuss the Library's building project. Also present at that meeting were project manager Frank Marino, architects Andrew Goldberg and James Fox from H2L2, environmental consultant Terry Elkowitz and Zoning attorney Peter Mineo. The Library's consultants, after the meeting, felt that the Town would not approve the plans as they stood unless significant changes were made. The plans were noncompliant in seven ways according to the Town's Building code, but the two major ones were the gross square footage and the number of parking spaces. The plans currently call for 99 spaces but the Town's Zoning code requires 303. The Building Committee had met following this Town meeting and discussed several options – scaling back the crescent which would allow for additional parking, negotiate with the Sewer District for additional land or look for another location. The Director is to contact the Sewer District to see if they are willing to negotiate so this information could be available for next Tuesday's Board meeting. The referendum at this point could not go forward until a decision has been made by the Board as to which direction it would be proceeding. The Board therefore at the April 19th meeting, in Executive Session, will discuss the performance/contractual obligations of our project consultants.

Public Comments: Karen Rubin, Michael Zarin, Barbara Zeller, Melvin Zeller, Stanley Dascher, Carol Frank, Stanley Romaine, Emanuel Kline, Jack Eber, Marietta DiCamillo, Ralene Adler

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion by David Kahn.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Klein
Secretary