

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 3:08 PM
To: Donna Conkling
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan
Subject: Fw: Board of Trustees email

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From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Eric Miller
Subject: Re: Board of Trustees email

Dear Mr. Miller -- Thanks for your further thoughts.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Eric Miller <ericmiller411@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Clerk's Department
Subject: Re: Board of Trustees email

Thank you, again, Mayor Mark for your response. I unfortunately was unable to make this week's meeting that included a library funding discussion due to business travel.

I read the synopsis in disbelief that a grassroots organization could believe they have the right to push the Board of Trustees to approve a \$19.5 million project bond without further community discussion and a referendum.

This whole situation is not so different than when the SCC also made a strong push. For a community this size, I sincerely hope our Trustees recognize the fragile state of the economy and remain judicious on being fiscally conservative. Of course a crowd of proponents will make a strong case for the investment - but please remember (as you have) that they do NOT represent the overall community's sentiment for a project this size. The only true way to judge that is to have a well advertised referendum.

I remain concerned of the sheer amount of money they are asking for. I believe they should first raise \$7.5 million and come back to the Board. Perhaps a compromise point is for this group to come back once they can evidence \$5 million in an ESCROWED account.

There is no doubt that the current library can use some restoration. \$3mm? \$5mm? Maybe. \$19.5 million is similar to how the SCC grew from being an idea for an indoor pool for a few million dollars to a \$20+ million megaplex that the community rejected.

I appreciate the volunteer work you and the Board take on. It is commendable and appreciated. You are empowered to do what is best for the overall community over the long run, rather than take on a massive, fiscally irresponsible project being pushed by a smaller, well-funded vocal group.

I plan to be here for the next 25 years and would rather not be picking up the tax issues over the next couple of decades... We keep raising taxes and fewer young families will migrate to Scarsdale because they cannot afford to.

Many thanks and regards,
Eric Miller
10 Overlook Rd

Sent from my iPhone
Eric Miller
(917) 510 4072

> On Dec 14, 2015, at 11:30 AM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Miller -- Thank you for your email.

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> Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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> From: Clerk's Department
> Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 10:21 AM
> To: Mayor
> Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; Ingrid Richards; Josh Ringel; Christine Sciandra
> Subject: FW: Board of Trustees email

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Eric Miller [mailto:ericmiller411@gmail.com]
> Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 5:38 PM
> To: Clerk's Department <clerk@scarsdale.com>
> Subject: Board of Trustees email

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> Re: Proposed \$19.5mm Library Renovation
> From: Eric Miller, 10 Overlook Rd

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> I kindly request that we have multiple public sessions to dig into the financial impact on the Village and its taxpayers having to float a \$12 million bond - and possibly more if the committee falls short of its \$7.5mm private raise. I am still having difficulty computing the sheer amount being requested to build this facility, and as we all know, construction can easily go 10-20+% above expected costs. Not so dissimilar to the SCC proposal, this project is massive relative to the Village budget and affects all of our taxpayers.

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> Why would we not have a referendum early on in this process to gauge the taxpayers interest in such a huge project? If we allow the private raising of capital, do we still have the ability to say NO to the \$12mm ask? With 5,900 households, we would likely hear more from a vote than relying on only the interested parties whether to move forward with such an enormous library renovation project. I am confident that with a \$5-7mm budget, we could do AMAZING things at the library - rather than \$19.5mm.

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> Our roads are in disrepair and our sewer lines have massive expenditures ahead to fix. Our healthcare costs for our Village employees are skyrocketing. A \$19.5mm library renovation is way over the top in my view...particularly with what looks to be an anemic economic recovery in the US.

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> Many thanks for your service and consideration.

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> Respectfully submitted,
> Eric Miller
> 10 Overlook Rd, Scarsdale
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