

## Christopher O'Brien

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 10:48 PM  
**To:** Christopher O'Brien  
**Cc:** Donna Conkling; Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole  
**Subject:** Fw: Library proposal

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2016 10:47 PM  
**To:** Lika L. Levi  
**Subject:** Re: Library proposal

Dear Ms. Levi -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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**From:** Lika L. Levi <likallevi@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2016 8:01 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Library proposal

Dear Mayor Mark and the Village Board,

I attended the meeting tonight hoping our Mayor would open up the meeting for comments, but that was not the case. So, I am writing.

I was away overseas for a while and hence could not attend past meetings or voice my opinion since other matters prevailed. Frankly, I thought I would not have to oppose the library's plans for renovation. In an ideal world, who would not want a better library ?

But, our roads are full of potholes, our water is not potable and alas at the meeting almost all of the chairs' upholstery was frayed and in threads...Maybe an indication of the state of our budget/our priorities... Why do we want a better library when we seem so strapped ?

Have we solved the problem of the McMansions being built on small lots ? Have we tackled the neighborhood character issue ? Do we have an open space fund ? Are we leaving a better Scarsdale for future generations ? Less build up or more built up ? Is more built up better ? For who ? What happened to the Village-in-a-park ? Soon, we will say, where is the park ?...

How much debt do we have ? Why not this year instead of increasing taxes, decrease taxes ? Give something to the community, instead of burdening the community, continually taxing us in more ways than one...

I have been away for a while and not up to the latest on the news, maybe all these things are in place.

Then, it makes sense to have a better library, but even then only with zero burden to the tax payer. The library board should solicit private donors...

With best wishes,

Lika

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