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Dear Mayor and Trustees -

Speaking as a private citizen here: I wanted to clarify some of my comments I made during the July 19th meeting about the library project. I personally never supported the photovoltaic panels. Photovoltaic panels are only 2 small 'points' on the LEED Consultant's outline of feasibility (page 99 of Dattner Report) - they are also very very very expensive. Can't justify that high cost.

What I recommended emphatically was that the MEP Engineer (Mechanical Electrical Plumbing) engineer complete the energy and water model so that the Trustees understand the ongoing costs of the building after completion. That is just a good 'best practice' that will definitively verify for you and residents the virtues of the project long term.

Regarding sustainability, I definitely support that the Library Project target an industry sustainability standard of some kind - if not LEED then another certification. If you think of LEED like a college degree, while a person can be smart and capable without a reputable college degree, having a reputable third-party certification of one's intelligence and capability is used to verify such claims publicly. It is important the the public and the Trustees have a way to verify private claims of energy efficiency and sustainability to current and future residents.

I support building sustainably because sustainability in the built environment services three key goals for residents: (i) fiscal responsibility through reduction in utilities costs, (ii) personal health and wellness, and (iii) reduction in use of our environmental resources.

Other libraries in the region have received favorable press for the certifications achieved:

For example, the Mamaroneck Library is a very similar project:

<http://realestate.lohudblogs.com/2014/03/17/mamaroneck-public-library-achieves-leed-gold-status/>

This certification can bring additional value and distinction to this important village amenity.

Generally, I think this library would be a wonderful addition and upgrade to the Village. Having the opportunity for private funding to offset the costs of the project during a time of historically low interests rates is an ideal time for the Village to take on this project. However, I appreciate the care with which the Trustees are considering this opportunity.

For the avoidance of any doubt, I would support the Trustee's decision to pass on this opportunity if they felt the project might compromise the Village's financial stability.

Thank you for your attention of this important opportunity for the town.

ML

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.