

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Donna Conkling
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Subject: Fw: From Resident Susan Levine...

FYI. JM

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2016 8:45 AM
To: Bal1998
Subject: Re: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mrs. Levine -- Thank you for your email. Regarding the Library renovation, at this stage we have a proposal from the Library Board. The Village Board of Trustees and Village Staff are studying both the proposal itself, as well as issues raised in connection with the funding requested by the Library Board. It is expected there will be public meetings scheduled by the Board of Trustees to discuss these matters. The first such meeting is a Board Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Village Hall. At present, Library renovation is not a "done deal." It is a matter under consideration.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

From: Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2016 6:00 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mayor Mark...

Thinking today about the proposed Library Renovation.. with an 18 Million Dollar price tag..I am wondering if it is indeed a "fait accompli"..or if we there will be a town wide Referendum on the issue of whether or not to proceed with it. I would like to see a Referendum on the matter.

Regarding the issue of "quiet please" in the library..with which I am in favor..may I point out that I have several times Reserved the Room at the Rear of the Library for Conferences with various people. Thus there can be group conversation in our Library as it now stands..without a renovation.

I do not see our Library ..or any Library as a place meant for conversation in general.."quiet please" having always been a library tradition everywhere. Talking with friends is for other places. Tutoring as well. Not in a Library.

We have a Large Room at the Library for presentations and readings and performances..and it has always been well utilized.

Often the crowds that are attracted are quite small, as for the Leaf Mulching discussion; sometimes the room is almost filled, as when Linda Leavitt retired. The room is never too small.

Our Library as it now stands has appeared to fill the community's needs quite well in the 46 years I have lived in town.

Our residents are free to use other local Libraries if they need Wheelchair Access to Restrooms or Elevators to floors that they wish to access.

Many residents of other communities come to the Scarsdale Library. They like us as we are.

As for needing Snack Bar at the Library, I see that as opening an unnecessary can of worms. I do not agree that it is a need. Perhaps it might create problems that had not existed before. A Library is for reading. Not for eating. I prefer to keep ours that way.

Please let me know if there is to be a Referendum on the Bond Issue to Fund the Library Renovation..or if it is basically a done deal.

Many thanks.

Susan Levine