

NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of October 26, 1993

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on October 26, 1993, in the Northport library Community Room.

Ruth McKay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also attending were Jennifer Richmond, Stuart Goldblatt, Michael Glennon, C. Annette Carr, Assistant Director Eileen Minogue and Director Stephanie Heineman.

Attending for the building program discussion:

Douglas McNally - library counsel
George Beatty - architect

Mr. Glennon opened the meeting by speaking directly to the sixty or seventy residents who attended the meeting to receive information and state their views on the proposed site for a central library.

He asked that "the meeting, unlike the previous one, be marked by civility and a willingness to hear one another, a willingness to move forward."

Mr. Glennon stated his long residence in the district, mentioned his married children living here, and explained how he had come to the conclusion that a central library building would be the most advantageous to the district residents.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Goldblatt moved to accept the minutes of September 21, 1993, as presented, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Carr moved to approve warrant, page 2208, in the amount of \$93,244.21, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve warrant, page 2209, in the amount of \$108,941.71, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to approve Capital Reserve Fund warrant, Page 2211, in the amount of \$965.50, seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Carr moved to approve warrant, page 2215, in the amount of \$99,750.33, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to approve warrant, page 2210, in the amount of \$74,006.48, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

The Board accepted the payroll for the period ending:

September 24, 1993	page 1434	\$79,650.94
October 8, 1993	page 1435	82,249.80
October 22, 1993	page 1436	85,230.35

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Goldblatt moved to accept the budget modifications as proposed by Graber & Company, certified public accountants, for the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

**ADOPTION OF NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
INVESTMENT POLICY**

Mrs. Richmond moved to adopt the Northport-East Northport Public Library Investment Policy, October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994, seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.
(see attached pages)

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters were received from:

Conrad J. Rybicki, Attorney & Counsellor at Law, advising the Board of Trustees that "hundreds of local residents and homeowners are adamantly opposed to the construction of the proposed new library in the area north of Laurel Hill Road between Maplewood Drive and Orchid Court."

Harry W. Fritts, Jr., M.D. of Northport, praising Nancy Kruse for her "skill and resourcefulness" in locating difficult information for him.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director orally reported to the Board that on Saturday, October 16, the Northport library was evacuated for a bomb scare. The report of a bomb proved to be false.

The Director informed the Board that the heat has been turned on for the season, electrical work is being estimated for computer hook-up in the children's room in both buildings and the copy machine area in Northport.

Also, the cleaning crew is continuing to do good work, the clocks will be changed this weekend and the Homeward Bound Books program is growing.

The battery recycling program is being praised by many patrons, two major gifts were received this month, Sunday Study Hall in the library is catching on and the Computer Services Department prepared a bibliography called "The High-tech World of Tomorrow is Here at Your Library Today."

The Director concluded with the information that the "Literary Beacons", our local author collection, is being displayed on the hickenlooper this month, the Reference Department is preparing their recommendations for accessibility to the art files, the YA Department continues to offer the popular Homework center with materials for assignment preparation, the Children's registration for Preschoolers' Door to Learning was revamped this fall, retrospective conversion of the Galaxy Database is advancing nicely and the Staff Development workshop for the fall on Patron Services was as one staff member reported, "was most profitable both for the reinforcement of successful techniques and for providing new insight and approaches to situations."

Mr. Glennon requested that any caregiver unable to register their child for a program because the maximum number had been reached be given preference for the next signup.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve the request of Judy Quarry, part-time Librarian, for a leave of absence for one week from December 25, 1993 to January 1, 1994, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Goldblatt moved to approve that Nancy Kruse replace Carol Brand, Grade 18, Step 7, from November 1, 1993 to April 4, 1994, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Carr moved to approve hiring Claus Dose, part-time Librarian I, Reference Department, Grade 13b, Step 1, effective October 25, 1993, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and award of Northport Building Cleaning Service Contract

Mr. Goldblatt resolved that

WHEREAS, by notice to bidders dated September 30, 1993, the Board of Trustees requested bids for the Building Cleaning Service Contract for the period December 1, 1993 to November 30, 1994, and

WHEREAS, at the bid opening held on October 14, 1993, the following bids were received:

Be-Al Office Cleaning Service Inc.	-	\$23,333.13
Capital Cleaning Contractors	-	\$22,740.00
Coverall Cleaning Concepts	-	\$23,988.00
D. International Building Maintenance Inc.	-	\$22,681.88
Strike Force Maintenance	-	\$28,942.00

WHEREAS, the above bids and the qualifications of each bidder have been reviewed and investigated by the Director, and

WHEREAS, the results of such investigation was the subject of a report to the Trustees at the meeting held on October 26, 1993, and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the lowest bids are \$58.12 apart and notes that Capital Cleaning Contractors has provided the District with reliable and responsible service for the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the finding of this Board that Capital Cleaning Service Contract for the period December 1, 1993 through November 30, 1994, is hereby awarded to Capital Cleaning Contractors based on their bid of \$22,740.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Carr and unanimously carried.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eleven residents of the Northport-East Northport Library district came to the microphone and informed the Board that they were opposed to using the Maplewood Drive site for a central library.

The Board, Mr. Beatty, Mr. McNally and the Directors provided requested information and answered their questions in great detail.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board directed Mrs. Heineman to prepare a report assessing the status of the building program.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northport library.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Carr moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Glennon

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Secretary

Northport-East Northport Public Library Board Meeting

Residents who spoke:

Marilyn Foodim	21 Fairwind Court, Northport
Dorothy Stango	38 Maplewood Drive, Northport
Ken Quigley	87 Laurel Hill Road, Northport
Conrad J. Rybicki	15 Maplewood Drive, Northport
Robert Maggio	93 Laurel Hill Road, Northport
Ken Korsh	1 Old Pine Lane, Northport
Laurence Nelson	84 Laurel Hill Road, Northport
Marilyn Fox	37 Oleander Drive, Northport
Ted Kerpez	148 Wells Road, Northport
Ralph Pollak	6 Maplewood Drive, Northport
Margaret Jackson	4 Green Acre Lane, Northport

- Mr. Goldblatt: Spoke about the limited amount of available land there is to build a central library - elaborated on some of the problems, expenses, etc.
- Mrs. Carr: Spoke about the investigations and history of the sites.
- Ms. Foodim: Expressed appreciation to the Board for their work and efforts. Asked if a building could still be built without the Burr land.
- Mr. Beatty: No - not enough land.
- Mr. McNally: Added to the explanation.
- Ms. Stango: Thanked the Board for their hard work but asked the Board to please reconsider the site.
- Mr. Quigley: New in the community - inquired about environmental reports. Are they documented? Is there a traffic study? Can they see the reports?
- Board: There were five public hearings.
- Mr. Beatty: The traffic study report is not completed.
- Mr. McNally: Told him they are not far enough along to have had to have all those studies - too soon.
- Mr. Rybicki: Informed the Board about the residents association - that they are all opposed to anything being built - will send questions to the Board - wants another meeting - a community meeting - questioned what governmental agencies are involved.
- Mr. Maggio: Stated he respected the Boards' work - just purchased property in the area to house horses.
- Mr. Korsh: Stated location "no good" - roads too narrow - sharp turns - woods - destroy the neighborhood. How do you protect the building from vandalism? A central library would be a great saving? Expand this building? One or two stories? Park across the street?

- Mr. Beatty: Explained library requested land (Middleville) for a library - was turned down. Demolishing not an option - asked for land at the High School and was not encouraged to go further.
- Mr. Korsh: Are you familiar with the Greenlawn library? Beautiful job.
- Mr. Beatty: Yes, I am.
- Mr. Pollak: Have lived here over 40 years - fought for land for schools - I know libraries want the best - look at the times - the economy - look at every aspect. Is the administration misleading and influencing the Board? Bad times - no money
- Mr. Beatty: The statement that it would be the second largest library in the County is erroneous. There have not been any definite plans drawn. We have compared costs and evaluated our needs.
- Mr. Glennon: answered
- Mr. Quigley: Spoke about technology - will the use of the library's physical plant be decreased because of the potential now for hook-up directly into the home etc. Is it possible that use will decrease in the next ten years?
- Mrs. Richmond: Explained that many libraries still have card indexes. The technology is so expensive - still will have many services. Will be very slow to have these advanced technologies. The Library is a jewel.
- Mrs. Minogue: Mentioned the building on Main Street (old library) There was foresight needed to leave that building and build the present one. We are so lacking in space - nothing will produce more space. That's the point we are at now. The library serves from birth to death. (Mrs. Minogue listed all the uses of the library and people who use it - and the people who are turned away - and organizations.)
- Director: (Answering Mr. Quigley) Must have flexible interiors - services change - must have the potential - flexibility built in. We are still in the planning stages.
- Ms. Jackson: This is a pristine area. Works with the handicapped. Moved from Brooklyn. "Please take our concerns to heart" - serious concerns - buildings are now accessible to handicapped.