

Minutes of the Stamford Library Association Special Meeting Monday, March 18, 2024

Present at Stamford Library: Trustees Barbara Balliet, Millie Faulkner, Katy Graves, Pat Heath, Stephanie Rubin-Ruquet (via Zoom), Linda Stratigos, Mike Teitelbaum, Ellen Thorn, Janet Wenner; Director Erika Eklund; Absent was Trustee John Hubbard

Call to order: The Special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Barbara for the purpose of preparing for a request to Stamford Central School District taxpayers to vote on raising the annual levy to support Stamford Library.

The board voted on the following three resolutions.

- **Resolution:**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library, upon a motion made by Linda Stratigos and seconded by Millie Faulkner, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library adopts the preliminary operating budget for fiscal year 2025 for Stamford Library in the form attached hereto, subject to future revision in the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

The vote: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

- **Resolution:**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library, upon a motion made by Millie Faulkner and seconded by Janet Wenner, it was

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law, the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library proposes the submission of the following question to the voters of the Stamford Central School District at the annual meeting of the Stamford Central School District to be held on May 21, 2024:

Shall the Stamford Central School District levy and collect, pursuant to Education Law §259, an annual tax upon the taxable real property within the Stamford Central School District, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$70,000, which shall be paid to

Stamford Library annually for the support and maintenance of the library until modified by a future vote of the electors of the Stamford Central School District?

The vote: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

- **Resolution:**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library, upon a motion made by Michael Teitelbaum and seconded by Pat Heath, it was

RESOLVED that, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c(5), the Board of Trustees of Stamford Library overrides, for the purpose of the Stamford Library fiscal year 2025 budget, the tax levy limit imposed by Municipal Law §3-c(3).

The vote: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

Barbara will deliver the documents to School Superintendent Glen Huot and Ellen will forward them to Maria Hitt at the school for further processing.

Janet will draft a press release, to include the numbers Katy is collating about the small impact on taxpayers. Topics will also include the need to retain staff, our extensive and growing programming and services, and that the levy has no bearing on the upcoming building project.

Barbara has been looking into graphic artists for a brochure and the newspaper flyer that Matt Avitabile suggested.

A family has expressed interest in holding a memorial service at the library, which Erika has scheduled for the evening of June 7. The family intends to make a donation toward the new building and wants a list of naming opportunities. Linda will share Stephanie's draft list and additions with Matt Blumenfeld (at FDA) and Paul Mays (at Butler, Rowland, Mays).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. (motion by Mike; second by Janet)

Upcoming meetings and events of interest

Monday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m.: Regular board meeting

Monday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m.: Regular board meeting

Monday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m.: Regular board meeting (one week early)

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Secretary