

Hampton Bays Public Library
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 22, 2016

President Madeline O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Present: M. O’Keefe, D. Zimmerman, R. Carpenter, A. Filorimo, A. Wilding

Absent: G. Daly, H. Rose

Others present: Victor Canseco, Yishu Wang

The agenda was adopted. R. Carpenter/A. Wilding, 5/0/0.

There was no public comment.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the “not to exceed” amount of the annual tax requisition for the June 14th referendum of \$1,357,000 as provided by the bondsman and was included in the legal notice. This amount was overstated. The corrected amount to be included in the legal notice is \$1,027,013. The group discussed misperceptions about tax increases.

Mr. Canseco discussed strategies to get the vote out and the importance of Board and Staff involvement. Suggested talking points about the project include the need for major renovations that will only cost more if put off, planning for the future, a 100 year energy efficient building and the anticipated significant decline in energy bills.

Recent changes in program scheduling were discussed. Dozens of patrons made phone calls, sent emails and stopped in at the library in person to express their dissatisfaction with the changes in exercise classes and the recently initiated 2-week hiatus between sessions. They said they rely on the library for ongoing fitness at a price they can afford and at a time that accommodates their work schedules.

There was further discussion of room use and other changes that were implemented and will remain in place including reduced schedules for gaming groups.

Dates for public meetings concerning the June 14th referendum were reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the revised legal notice with an annual requisition of \$1,027,013 for the June 14th referendum. D. Zimmerman/A. Wilding, 5/0/0.

A motion was made to approve the reversal of changes to exercise class schedules and revert to our original schedule of ongoing classes. A. Filorimo/ M. O’Keefe, 5/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. M. O’Keefe/A. Filorimo, 5/0/0.