

**Hampton Bays Public Library**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**June 27, 2016**

President Madeline O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Present: M. O'Keefe, R. Carpenter, G. Daly, H. Rose, T. Filorimo and S. LaVista. Also present: Victor Canseco, Judy White.

A motion was made to adopt the agenda: T. Filorimo/H. Rose, 6/0/0.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the reasons the vote went down. They included: it was too costly for the average home owner, there was a lot of misinformation being circulated online, misperceptions as to how the library serves the community; that libraries everywhere are not just for books anymore. Voter and online comments suggested moving afterschool activities for students as well as adult programs and services to the school, the fire house and/or other community organizations, which are not feasible, and would not necessarily be free even if it is possible.

The deadline for submitting a tax request to Southampton Town for next year is November 1. The possibility of a vote in late October was discussed. It was decided that it would be best to hold off until after the Presidential elections are held which means the vote would be in the spring.

Additional sources of funding as a means to reduce the tax burden were discussed. The director will reach out to legislators and will look for grants as well. The possibility of establishing a Library Foundation and what is entailed were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by A. Wilding