

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting/Work Session
Thursday, September 7, 2023, 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room
Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining, NY;
11 Prince Rd., West Yarmouth, MA;
41 Secor Rd, Ossining, NY

MINUTES

In Attendance

In-Person: Amanda Curley, Philip Rice, Meghan Huppuch, Cecilia Quintero, Karen LaRocca-Fels, Molly Robbins, Allison Robbins, Mallory Marinaro, Suzy Zavarella, Marie Trapasso, Diana Lennon, Kathleen Sowle (Lothrop Associates), Bob Gabalski (Lothrop Associates)

Remote: Alice Joselow, Althema Goodson, Shandi Speller

Call to Order

At 5:03 PM President Amanda Curley called the September 7, 2023 Work Session to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission and Vision: The Ossining Public Library enriches, connects, and inspires our community and is the community's center for lifelong learning.

Board Discussion

- Visit from Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg: September 12, 2023, 9:30 am. Trustees encouraged to attend.
 - Karen LaRocca-Fels applied for a grant in spring and recently heard that the library has been awarded \$30,000 for coding instruction programs and an outside materials pick-up locker.
 - Amanda Curley, Cecilia Quintero, and Meghan Huppuch will attend.
- Recap of meeting with OUFSD Assistant Superintendent for Business Alita Zuber
 - School district would like library to go up for bond separately. This allows the library to work towards a bond on election day in May 2024.
- Update on SGH retaining wall study
 - Molly Robbins emailed the Board about portions of the lower parking lot being blocked off on September 11 and 12. This is for the testing of soil and fill of the parking lot. Results of testing can be expected within a

month.

- Lothrop scope of work and timeline for pre-referendum work
 - Board requested a clearer timeline from Lothrop.
- Survey proposals update (survey proposals gathered by Lothrop and Associates)
 - Kathleen is working with four proposals to get them to a place where they can all be presented and decided on. Survey results will only impact exterior work on the building (ex. Turn-around in lower parking lock, ramp access to front entrance). We can also expect it to clarify whether front steps are library property.
- Discussion of proposed Lothrop concepts A & B
 - Karen and Molly shared a cumulative paper of all pros and cons regarding the concepts as received from the Board and library staff.
 - Lothrop clarified that while they shared two discrete concepts, the elements within them are interchangeable.
 - Library staff present shared reactions to and feedback on the elements in concepts A & B.
 - Lothrop shared additional schematic drawings which included new design concepts.

Adjournment

President Amanda Curley adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.