

Plainedge Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting

November 2, 2022

Agenda

Laura Oden-Bell, President
Doreen Oliver, Vice President
Ann Doxsey
Rick Fiumara
Michael Giris

Michele Lipson, Director
Diana Weir, Personnel Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM, by the President.

The President led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest: No guests were present

New Business

1. SEQRA Resolutions

Lead Agency Designation

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by Doreen Oliver and seconded by Ann Doxsey.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Plainedge Public Library (the “Board of Trustees”) is considering the replacement of the Plainedge Public Library, located at 1060 Hicksville Road in the hamlet of North Massapequa, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action specifically involves the demolition of the existing 19,575± square-foot (sf) Plainedge Public Library building and construction of a new 34,000±-sf Plainedge Public Library building with associated site access, parking and utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and §617.5, the Board of Trustees reviewed the Proposed Action and has preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3), coordinated review was undertaken by the Board of Trustees, and no objections were received from involved agencies to the Board of Trustees serving as lead agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(2) and (3), with respect to the above-described Proposed Action.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Negative Declaration

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by Michael Giris and seconded by Rick Fiumara.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Plainedge Public Library (the “Board of Trustees”) is considering the replacement of the Plainedge Public Library, located at 1060 Hicksville Road in the hamlet of North Massapequa, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action specifically involves the demolition of the existing 19,575± square-foot (sf) Plainedge Public Library building and construction of a new 34,000±-sf Plainedge Public Library building with associated site access, parking and utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declared itself lead agency for the Proposed Action pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR

§617.6(b)(2) and (3); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, as lead agency, has caused to be prepared Parts 1, 2 and 3 of an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action, and has reviewed the aforesaid EAF and agrees with the contents thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the Proposed Action, 6 NYCRR Part 617, and the EAF, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the information contained in the EAF and other relevant information before the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Bond Vote Resolution

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by Doreen Oliver and seconded by Ann Doxsey.

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Plainedge Public Library intends to seek approval of the voters of a bond issue for the construction of a new library facility; and

Whereas, the Plainedge School District has requested the Library designate the date for such vote in order to establish a calendar for legal notices and other necessary steps.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Trustees of the Plainedge Public Library hereby designates January 31, 2023 as the date upon which the voters shall be asked to vote upon a proposition to authorize the issuance of bonds for construction of a new library facility.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Purchase Adjacent Property

A motion was made by Laura Oden-Bell and seconded by Rick Fiumara to pursue purchasing the adjacent property next door at 5 Amherst Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Attorney

A motion was made by Ann Doxsey and seconded by Michael Giris to hire Howard Avrutine, Zoning Attorney, to get us through the process of subdividing and purchasing the property at 5 Amherst Drive, with a required retainer payment of \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Doreen Oliver and seconded by Ann Doxsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.