

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE JERICHO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mr. Diamond called the meeting to order at 8:18 P.M. in the Main Meeting Room. Present were: Mr. Diamond, Mrs. Feldman, Mrs. Jacobson, Mr. Garfunkel, Mrs. Buzen, Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Brenner.

**II. MINUTES.**

A. On a motion made by Mr. Garfunkel and seconded by Mrs. Buzen, the minutes of the August 8th meeting were accepted as presented.

Yes - 5

No - 0

**III. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Present: Ms. Carol Melnick (Library attorney) and Mr. Andrew Mahoney (condemnation attorney). Mr. Mahoney explained that there are restrictions on the adjacent Mobil/Cumberland Farms land that will limit the use of such land. If we ask the school district to acquire the land by eminent domain then the school district will acquire any future condemnation issues. The school district may not want to assume ownership of the land under these circumstances. There are many issues and costs to consider in this project. Ms. Melnick and Mr. Mahoney recommended starting Phase One of the acquisition of the land by hiring an engineer, sending a letter to Mobil Oil inquiring if they are willing to sell to the Library, and getting a title report.

**IV. DIRECTOR' S REPORT**

Mrs. Kessler gave her report. The Library was closed on Monday, 8/29 and Tuesday, 8/30 due to loss of power from Hurricane Irene. We were able to open for the public on Wednesday, 8/31 at 1:00P.M. There was minimal damage to the Library from the hurricane. For our patrons' convenience, power strips were installed to recharge their cell phones and other items. The circulation desk modifications are completed and we are ready for RFID equipment installation. The Bob Thompson Memorial Spot Light has been installed in the Theater. Our HVAC System project has been tabled. Our annual insurance safety inspection has been completed by Utica Insurance. The inspector was impressed with the proactive measures we have in place. Some libraries are establishing tween areas, for fifth and sixth graders, in their children's rooms. Our children's room will

have a designated tween area in the back of the room containing age appropriate literature and other materials. Our Summer Reading Clubs, Adult, YA, and Children's, were all successful and a memorable experience for all. The JPL Board has sent a letter of endorsement to "Citizens for History" who are petitioning the Town of Oyster Bay to grant the Maine Maid Inn landmark status. The JPL book sale will take place Friday, October 21; Saturday, October 22; and Sunday, October 23. Due to monetary cuts by New York State, Nassau Library System has asked the 54 member libraries to contribute money to help maintain financial viability for the system. A possible payment formula is proposed and must be approved by a majority of the member libraries. We have been included in the pilot program, start date in October, for a new eBook service, Freading. The community response from the Monday, 8/15 Community meeting was positive in favor of the Library's acquisition of the Mobil/Cumberland Farms property. The Library Board will discuss their options at the 9/12 Board meeting. We have introduced a new children's item, an All-in one-Video Player.

**V. COMMUNICATION.**

N/A

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

N/A

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Authorizations for Payment were individually examined and approved for payment as follows:

A. #2011 - 2 for \$302,257.11 - moved by Mr. Garfunkel and seconded by Mrs. Jacobson.

Yes - 5

No - 0

B. #2011 - 2A for \$ 1,085.39 - moved by Mr. Garfunkel and seconded by Mrs. Feldman.

Yes - 5

No - 0

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

N/A

