



Skaneateles Library Board of Trustees Votes to Retain Current Building Regardless of Future Plans

SKANEATELES, NY (September 12, 2019) – The Skaneateles Library Board of Trustees voted on Tuesday to “retain ownership of the current building regardless of the future decision whether to remain in place or relocate.” The Board has not yet decided whether to maintain library operations at the 49 E. Genesee St. location or move to a new location. To better serve the library’s current and future needs, the library’s board of trustees continues to evaluate options for relocation and for the renovation and expansion of the current location.

“Following the development of a long range plan as well as an assessment of the library’s financial plan, and in order to ensure preservation of the building for general community benefit, it just makes sense that the library retain ownership of the building no matter the final decision to remain in place or relocate,” said Dave Hempson, president of the board of trustees. “Whatever future decisions are made, the current building will be preserved and supported by Skaneateles Library, while continuing to serve the broader community.”

The board expects to make a final decision as to whether they will relocate library operations by the end of this year. Hempson says that the board does not yet know the exact language that will be put forth for that vote, but shared that it will only include whether the library will stay in the current building or move to a new location. This vote will not include details such as what renovations might occur in the current building, or which specific location(s) would be considered for a move.

“This evening’s vote in favor of retaining the current structure reflects our need to provide all 9,000 community residents who help fund the library with access to services equipped for the 21st century and beyond, while also reaffirming the library’s commitment to being excellent community stewards,” said Hempson. “It is important to all of us that we maintain the history and what makes this area such a wonderful place to live and visit.”

A community space is best developed with community input, and the library continues to welcome suggestions from community members by submitting their ideas via email to feedback@skanlibrary.org.

The Skaneateles Library’s Board of Trustees exists to ensure sound ethical and legal governance and financial management of the library. To learn more about the Board of Trustees, and to review the Skaneateles Library Long Range Plan for 2020-2025, visit SkanLibrary.org.

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