

**MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
(MASTIC BEACH BRANCH)**

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Trustee Maiorana called the meeting to order at 8:08 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Trustees Maiorana, Dubois, and Marks, Director Rosalia, Business Manager Nowak and Secretary Stirber. Trustee Furnari arrived late.

PRESENT

Whereas, the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library intends to fully renovate the existing main Library facility within the existing building foot print and building elevation including replacement of the existing sanitary system with an I/A system to be approved by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, and,

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Whereas, a structural engineering report has been prepared and a structural engineer retained to oversee the renovation project for the Library and a sanitary engineer has been retained and has produced a plan to replace the existing sanitary system with an I/A system, and,

Whereas, a Lead Agency must be established as required under Section 617.6 (b)(2), before a Determination of Significance can be rendered, and,

Whereas, per 6 NYCRR 617, as the Action is classified as an Unlisted Action according to the thresholds contained in Section 617.4 and as project sponsor, the Board of Trustees of the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library may declare itself as the Lead Agency, and may conduct an uncoordinated review of the proposed action, and,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, its Counsel and its environmental consultant are of the opinion that the Library is the appropriate agency to act as Lead Agency in this matter, as the Library Board has jurisdiction over all significant aspects of project

development, design, and construction for the new Library, and associated on-site management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library Board of Trustees hereby declares itself as Lead Agency, and,

Whereas, the Library's environmental consultant has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 and 3, which show, as a result of the review of the plans to complete the building renovation and replacement of the sanitary system, no large or moderate impacts are potentially expected whether short or long term, direct or indirect, singular or cumulative, and,

Whereas, the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library Board of Trustees has considered the action as defined in subdivisions 617.2(b) and 617.4 of the SEQR Regulations; has reviewed the SEAF, the criteria for determining significance contained in 617.7 of the SEQR Regulations and other supporting information relevant to areas of environmental concern; has thoroughly analyzed the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and sets forth its findings below based on this information.

Whereas, the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library Board of Trustees finds that:

1. There will be no adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; nor any increase in solid waste production; nor any increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems;
2. Any disturbance to the existing site will be limited to the replacement of the sanitary system and incidental hard surface disturbance necessitated by sidewalk and pedestrian improvements so that the location and footprint of the existing library building remains as is, and any disturbed vegetation will be the replaced as much as possible with new indigenous vegetation which will minimize adverse impacts to vegetation as much as practicable;

3. There will be no interference with the habitat or movement of any resident or migratory wildlife species, no impacts on a significant habitat area, no adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animals or plants, or the habitat of such a species, or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;
4. No impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area as designated pursuant to subdivision 617.14(g) of this Part will occur;
5. No conflict will occur with any current community plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;
6. No impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character will occur;
7. No change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy will occur;
8. No hazard to human health will be created;
9. No change in the usage, or intensity of use of land including open space or recreational resources, or in their capacity to support existing uses will occur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library Board of Trustees hereby adopts this Negative Declaration for the purposes of Article 8 Environmental Conservation Law.

The Board of Trustees has considered the relevant environmental impacts, facts and findings disclosed in the SEAF; weighed and balanced relevant environmental impacts with social, economic and other considerations; provided a rationale for the Board's decision as contained in its findings.

The Board of Trustees certifies that the requirements of Part 617 SEQR have been met and certifies that consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and that adverse environmental impacts will be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable by

incorporating those mitigation measures that were identified as practicable.

Upon review of the information recorded on the SEAF, and considering its findings and all other relevant information, it is the conclusion of the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, that the proposed project will result in no adverse impacts on the environment.

Motion by Dubois, second by Marks, to adopt and issue this Negative Declaration. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Dubois, second by Marks, to adopt the assurances made by the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library as outlined in our submittal to New York State for the State Aid for Library Construction Program for fiscal year 2023-2024. Carried 3-0.

ASSURANCES

Motion by Furnari, second by Marks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 am. Carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by,

Madeline Stirber

Madeline Stirber, Secretary