



Know Your Library: Continuing to Move Forward

At the January 5, 2016 Village Board meeting, the Library Board provided a thorough report to the Village Board, outlining many aspects of the library project, including building plans, budgets for building and operating the new building, and details on fundraising (the entire report remains available at tinyurl.com/hjcegnng). In response, the Village Board voted that the Library Board had not met its obligations and moved to rescind the Resolution of May 2015 and postpone the borrowing until a new agreement can be reached with the library board.

This is clearly disappointing news for the Library Board and library employees, library supporters, donors to the building project, volunteers of library-supporting activities, and residents who voted in favor of Glarner Park as the site and borrowing for a new library in the 2014 village-wide referendum.

The Library Board has one important message: we are continuing to move forward, and we are not giving up the goal of *a library for everyone*. To reinforce this message, fundraising activities will continue, and partial profit days are being planned with local businesses for the warmer months of 2016. Of importance, the Village Board directed village staff to prepare a land agreement to transfer Glarner Park to the library. The Library Board is eagerly awaiting this agreement, which is anticipated in February 2016.

– Submitted by the New Glarus Library Board of Trustees