

**Enfield Library Trustees Statement Regarding Valley News article "Enfield takes stock of buildings"**  
A Valley News Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I write to you as the Chair of the Enfield Library Trustees having joined this Board about a year ago.

Related to the Enfield Public Library and the new Library project, the article "Enfield takes stock of buildings" in the March 26, 2019 Valley News wrongly states that library trustees "largely abandoned" the pursuit of the new building in 2016. What was abandoned at that time was only a warrant article seeking public funding for the balance needed to complete the fundraising. The decision was a response to town officials who wanted to see more private contributions to minimize the cost to taxpayers.

We have received commitments this winter and continue to seek new gifts and pledges toward the new Library facility. We have greatly appreciated the generous support of the individuals, families, businesses, foundations and the Town of Enfield that has brought the total available funding to more than \$1 million. While it is true that we have slowed outreach as the Town first went through the Strategic Governance process then this facilities study, we think it is prudent to work in concert with Town officials on all planning and money related matters. The Trustees learned on Monday night – along with the public – the results of Mr. Barrett's study. We now need to consider what he proposes, ask questions and most importantly engage with our donors and patrons as we determine the appropriate path forward.

We continue to pursue our quest for efficient and improved Library space in the Town of Enfield and remain highly optimistic that with help of our donors, patrons and the support of the Town we will make this important need a reality.

Respectfully Submitted,

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