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## Montauk Library Announces Renovation and Expansion Plan

— Community Input Sessions Scheduled, at the Library —

- May 21st Bond Vote, 2-8 pm at the Montauk School •

(MONTAUK, NY, MARCH 7, 2019) — The Montauk Library will hold a series of community input sessions in advance of a May 21 Bond Vote for a renovation and expansion project, designed to better meet the current and future needs of the community.

The Montauk Library, which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2020, originally operated out of a small cottage on the property of the Montauk Community Church. The current, larger facility opened in 1991. “Once again, the Montauk Library is at a crossroad,” said Montauk Library Director Denise DiPaolo. “The current building has served Montauk well for nearly 30 years, but with the modern transformation in library services and a marked increase in usage, a new reorganization and expansion is greatly needed to meet the changing needs of the community. This project will address efficiency, safety, and accessibility issues, and will expand the space we have to better serve our patrons.” Library Board President Joan Lycke said, “The very nature of what a library is to a community has greatly evolved over the last few decades, along with advancements in technology. Libraries have become a valued resource not only for books, information, and research, but for cultural, recreational, and technological programming and services, as well. The renovation and expansion project will address the increased need for space and services at the Montauk Library not only for today, but for the future.”

### Project Highlights

Through community outreach—including needs assessment interviews, surveys, and focus groups—and comprehensive studies and planning, the Library Board and staff have developed a plan for the renovation and expansion project. 5,000 square feet of new space will be added to the existing 9,000 square foot building by filling in portions of existing interior double-height space, the addition of a new exit staircase, and a significant new addition and entryway. Highlights include:

- Larger Children’s Library — tripling the current space, with dedicated play area, enclosed program room, administrative space, bathroom, and exterior terrace.
- Teen Room — new enclosed space with comfortable seating.
- New Entry — a 1,600 square foot, one-story addition featuring a new Local History and Fishermen’s Center with exhibit and gallery space, and new entry plaza with vehicular drop off.
- Adult Services — reorganization and expansion of mezzanine level with new quiet study area, café service counter, bathroom, and exterior ocean overlook terrace.
- New additional basement space — providing an expanded Archival room, public meeting room, bathrooms, and storage areas.
- Sustainable (green) features to be incorporated throughout, including accessible landscaped “green roof” space.

### Project Cost Summary

Cost of the project: \$7,486,371

Approximate monthly tax rate increase of \$6.67 per month (\$80.40 per year)\*

Bond Term: 20 years

\*based on average home assessed valuation of \$5,000 (market value of \$862,069)

*Projections provided by Capital Market Advisors, LLC. The Library will also apply for NYS construction grants and accept donations to reduce bond cost.*

### Community Input Sessions

Sunday, March 17 at 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1 at 12 noon

Wednesday, May 15 at 10 a.m.

*All sessions will be held at the Montauk Library. The community is encouraged to attend one or more of the sessions to learn more about the project and to provide their input.*

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