

JULIA L. BUTTERFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY REFERENDUM TIMELINE MAY - DECEMBER 2006

Library Board of Trustees attended a meeting of the Town Board to advise the Town Board of the Library's intention to pursue a voter referendum to permanently increase the annual appropriation to the Library.

The Town Board did not raise any objection to the Library Board's plan to pursue the voter referendum either at the May 31st meeting or anytime after leading up to Election Day 2006.

Friends and volunteers collected Over 500, of the 380 needed, signatures of Philipstown voters AND distributed informational literature about the vote.

The Library Board hosted an information booth at the Philipstown Farmer's Market.

The *Putnam County News & Recorder* ran a letter to the editor by a citizen who urged defeat of the referendum.

At the meeting of the Town Board, the Town considered the "Submission of Petitions from the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library to Cause a proposition to be voted on in the next general election with regard to their **2007 operating budget.**" [from 9/7/06 Town Board Meeting Minutes, p.9, item 17.]

The *Putnam County News & Recorder* ran two letters to the editor, one of which was written by the Library Board of Trustees.

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The Friends published a 1/2 page ad in the *Putnam County News & Recorder*.

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The *Journal News* ran a detailed story entitled "Butterfield Library seeks \$151G boost in funding at Polls."

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THE LIBRARY REFERENDUM PASSES!!!
1,086 "YES" to 973 "NO"

Friends and volunteers called list of registered Philipstown voters to remind them to vote.

The Philipstown Board passed a \$7,871,289 budget without including the \$151,000 increase as appropriated by the 2006 General Election.

The Library contacted the Town to arrange a meeting to discuss the error in their 2007 budget.

The earliest date the Town would meet was January 3, 2007.

The **TOWN** subsequently canceled this meeting. A new meeting date January 10, 2007, the Library accepted.

THEN, on January 3, 2007, Supervisor Mazzuca sent a letter to the Library stating that the Town would not be providing the full voter-approved funding to the Library based on a minor technicality made by the Putnam County Board of Elections. The Town finally met with the Library in February 2007.

June, July & August 2006
September 2, 2006
September 7, 2006
September 18, 2006
October 25, 2006
November 1, 2006
November 2, 2006
November 6 & 7, 2006
November 7, 2006
November 20, 2006
December 2006