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**Library and Town Reach Agreement on Key Issues
An Update from the Library Board of Trustees**

On Monday May 2, Library Trustee President Steve Zarelli and Trustee Tom Shaginaw had a productive meeting with Town of Ballston Supervisor Eric Connolly and Councilman Michael Carota. Good progress was made in resolving outstanding issues between the Town and the Library.

The Town released the Library's tax levy to the Library, and both parties have reached an agreement regarding the path forward on the NY State Construction Grant. The Library respects the Town's desire for an Owner's Representative on the project, and will support a solution that provides the Town with the assurances it has requested. The construction project has been postponed to allow for summer programming, however it is anticipated that work will begin late summer/early fall.

"This is a positive step forward; the Town heard us and we heard them," said Library Board of Trustees President Steve Zarelli. "This is a fresh start, and going forward we both are committed to better communication and collaboration, which can only benefit the people we serve."

A few matters remain outstanding, particularly the Library's Reserve Fund Balance and the Library Charter Update. The Library and Town will jointly seek guidance from the Office of the State Comptroller on the appropriate management of the Fund Balance. Also, the Library and the Town will revisit the Charter Update, and if agreed, propose legislation for the 2023 Legislative Session.

As always, we appreciate your support and welcome feedback.

The Town of Ballston Community Library Board of Trustees

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