

Smithtown Library Board Presents New Expansion and Renovation Plan to the KPCA Membership.

In what was a very well attended February KPCA meeting, members of the Smithtown Library Board presented their new \$21 million expansion and renovation plan – a decrease of \$5.1 million and a 13% space reduction from the original plan. The original 26.2 million plan was defeated just a couple of months earlier. KPCA members expressed concern with the difficulty paying already high taxes. Most agreed that Kings Park needs an updated library but questioned why such a large renovation plan was necessary. Library Director Robert Lusack explained that the library needed to adhere to ADA (American Disabilities Act) standards and that the heating and air conditioning systems were old and not working properly. The conversation was intense at times but very informative. The expansion vote will take place on March 4, 2008. Many thanks to Committee Co-Chairs Gail Hessel and Read Smith as well as KPCA and Library board member Joe Vallone.