



## Information from the Borough of Stone Harbor

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### STONE HARBOR FORMS SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW LIBRARY LOCATION

*Committee seeks public input, will review all potential locations for county library branch*

(Stone Harbor, NJ)—The Stone Harbor Borough Council unanimously approved a resolution during the Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> reorganization meeting that resulted in a new committee being formed to study the potential location of a branch of the county library. The new committee will solicit public input on the project for a six-month period which means no formal action will be taken by the Borough on the library initiative until summer, at the earliest.

“This is an effort to engage the public and proactively solicit support from residents and property owners in Stone Harbor regarding the potential location of the library”, said Stone Harbor Mayor Suzanne Walters. “One of the primary responsibilities of elected officials is to listen to the public and set public policy based on a consensus. We recognize that the proposed beachfront location of the county library has support and objections in our community. This gives us the chance to solicit input and report back to our community”.

The newly formed committee includes three members of the Stone Harbor Borough Council. Newly elected Councilmember Joselyn Rich will chair the committee, which also includes council members Barry Mastrangelo and Judy Davies-Dunhour.

“We need to recognize that we have two new members of the Stone Harbor Borough Council who need to be involved in the process on this very important decision”, Walters said. “Our new council members Joselyn Rich and Karen Lane, along with our entire council, will play an integral part in this process”.

The new committee is called the “Special Committee for Review of the Library Location” and may be commonly referred to as the “Library Location Committee”. The committee shall be purely advisory in nature and shall have no express or implied authority. However, the ultimate recommendation of the committee will be given great weight by the governing body upon the submission of the committee’s report, which is expected at the July 3, 2012 council meeting. The resolution approving the creation of the committee specifically asks the Cape May County Library Commission to take no action with regard to construction activities at the current beach front location unless requested to do so by the Borough of Stone Harbor.

The proposed location of the library is 95<sup>th</sup> Street and the beach. The public is encouraged to communicate their opinions on the proposed location (in writing if possible) to Borough Administrator Jill Gougher. Comments may be emailed to [jgougher@stone-harbor.nj.us](mailto:jgougher@stone-harbor.nj.us) or mailed to her office at 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247. Comments via telephone are also accepted by calling (609) 368-5102.