



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9.

DATE OF MEETING: October 6, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Mike Taylor, Library Director
Kathy Sabella, President of Topsail Township Friends of the Library

SHORT TITLE: Resolution to Authorize the Topsail Township Friends of the Library to Erect and Maintain a "Future Home of the Library" Sign Next to the New County Office Annex

BACKGROUND: On September 5, 2014, Board Members of Topsail Township Friends of the Library unanimously agreed that this would be an opportune time to begin the process for installing a sign on the property designated by the Pender County Board of Commissioners as the site for the new Topsail Regional Library. The sign designating the site as the *Future Home of Topsail Regional Library* would assure residents in Eastern Pender County that their commissioners, aware of the increasingly inadequate branch library, are working toward the construction of a new facility.

The impressive renovation of the Old Topsail School Building has already become a focal point in the community and a tasteful sign in the adjacent lot would demonstrate a vision for the completion of construction for the entire site. The sign would promote the long-range fundraising efforts of the *Friends* for the new Regional Library Facility. On viewing the sign, a donor may even be inspired to put the library in his or her will, which happened in the past, and provided the seed money for our present endowment fund.

The Friends of the Library propose to design and fund a 4 by 8 foot metal sign announcing the Future Home of Topsail Regional Library. The sign would include Pender County and Friends of the Library logos as well as site a contact for inquires and/or contributions. It would be mounted and secured with treated lumber and be preapproved by county staff. Rick Crosan, retired Construction Project Manager at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC, has volunteered to mount and install the sign. Mr. Crosan previously worked on the signs at Kiwanis Park.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Topsail Friends of the Library to place a sign as described in front of the baseball field along Hwy 17 adjacent to the new County Office Building understanding the organization will assume all costs including future maintenance.

