June 11, 2014

Dear Mayor Pote, Councilman Joren or Beck-Clemens, or Councilman Black, Franklin, Gibbs, or Nehls,

We in Watchung currently own two old, dilapidated buildings - the Watchung Library and the Watchung Arts Center.  Both are in need of expensive repairs and upgrades.  Both are expensive to operate.

Either of the two proposals of the Library Study Ad Hoc Group to construct a new building (the one-story building or the two-stroy building) makes tremendous sense.   The new building will provide a library, space for the arts center, and a badly needed community center - which we currently lack.  We can get out from under the burden of maintaining and operating two expensive buildings and replace that with one building that will be not only less expensive to maintain and operate, but will also provide more functionality than what we have now.

Please vote to build a new library, arts center, and community center in Watchung!

Sincerely,