

Building Project Update 2-15-17

Key Milestones:

- I. 1/26/17 – MBLC Construction Grant Application Due.
 - a. The *Program* will not change substantially (general square footage; services; site)
 - b. The designs will evolve over time (furnishings; finishes; non-historic exteriors, landscaping)
- II. Ongoing - The Town and Library will continue to work with all required agencies including the Massachusetts Historic Commission and the Amherst Historic Commission and will comply with all regulations pertaining to the project.
- III. Ongoing - The Library will work with the Town to secure an interim space for Jones Library services to occur during two years of expansion/renovation; we are legally required to maintain Jones Library services during the entire construction project.
- IV. February - April 2017 - We will seek an estimate by an independent contractor to determine how much it would cost to fix all the deferred maintenance issues at the Jones if Town Meeting decides to not take advantage of the MBLC grant. (This is different from seeking a cost estimate for an “inspansion.” We will not be hiring another architect to go through another feasibility study because an “inspansion” is not fundable by the MBLC.)
- V. March – April 2017 - Volunteer Library Garden Committee formed (to report to Buildings and Facilities Committee) prior to Spring Town Meeting [to advise on all Library gardens (designs, sustainability plan, ongoing maintenance)].
- VI. February – May 2017 - Jones Library for Everyone (LIFE) led by former Jones Trustee Kent Faerber and other volunteers publicizes and advocates for building project. They will deploy the following tools:
 - a. Website
 - b. FaceBook
 - c. Citizen Signature Drive - Petition
 - d. Events
 - e. Tours for all Town Meeting members
 - f. Public Information Sessions
- VII. 4/26/17 – Spring Town Meeting Begins
 - a. “To authorize the Board of Trustees of the Jones Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which may be available for the Jones Library building project.”
 - b. "To see if the Town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the Jones Library building project, contingent upon receipt of a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners."
- VIII. 7/13/17 – MBLC Construction Grant Awards Announced – This will determine timing of design and construction and Town decision on funding.
- IX. August 2017 - Capital Campaign Begins; New Contract with Financial Development Agency to be Signed
 - a. \$35.6 Million Total Project Cost (approximate)
 - i. \$13.7 Million MBLC Grant
 - ii. \$21.9 Town Appropriation
 1. \$5 Million Fundraising Effort to Off-set Town Appropriation
 - a. \$2.5 Million Historic Tax Credits/Other Grants
 - b. \$2.5 Million Private Donations
 - b. Escalation costs are built into the grant budget; if costs go beyond what is budgeted (once the grant is approved), we will either have to fundraise for additional money; go back to Town Meeting for additional money; or make cuts to the project.
- X. ??? – Town Meeting: Project Funding – 2/3 vote required
- XI. New Contracts with Finegold Alexander Architects/Colliers International to be signed
- XII. Design Development begins; the Feasibility Committee becomes the Building Committee