CONSTRUCTION GRANT ROUND MONTHLY REPORT
Jones Library, Inc.
August 2022

1. Jones Library Building Committee (JLBC), 8-9-22; 8-23-22
   A. OPM provided update on project timeline and budget
   B. JLBC recommends to Town Manager that project moves forward
2. Design Subcommittee, 8-30-22
   A. Recommends $1.5M in cuts; the cuts will not affect the integrity of/vision for the project
   B. Committee discusses MBLC and staff comments
3. Outreach Subcommittee
   A. Weekly newsletter distributed
4. Project Budget
   A. Updated cost estimate reconciliation meeting [Fennessy (for the designer) & Rider Levett Bucknall (for the Town)], 8-3-22
      i. $38.5M - $41M hard costs range; soft costs were not included in these estimates
      ii. $49.9M - $53.3M total project cost range (as compared to March 2022 of $46.9M)
      iii. Capital Campaign presentation shows $3.3M in possible cuts, leaving Trustee share $7.9M - $11.3M over next 5 years (up from $6.6M) with no additional funding coming from the Town
   B. MBLC states it will not disburse any more construction grant funds to Amherst until a General Contractor and building permit are secured, 8-30-22
5. Board of Trustees, 8-11-22; 8-22-22
   A. Board votes to use Endowment as back-stop so the project can proceed through bid-opening.
6. Capital Campaign
   A. Representative Domb’s $50,000 state earmark for the new ESL spaces is confirmed!
   B. Worked on National Endowment for the Humanities “Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant” application in the amount of $1 Million; met and reviewed our draft grant application with NEH; told our application is strong.
   C. Branding project complete; campaign materials being finalized.
   D. Prospect identification continued.
   E. Events planning continued.