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MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM Planning and Design Project MONTHLY REPORT - NARRATIVE

May 2015

1. The Board of Trustees approved our *FY17-FY21 Long Range Plan*.
2. Worked on the Library's *Building Program*.
3. Our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) was approved by the Feasibility Committee.
4. Sent an email to the Town's Town Meeting listserv answering several questions about the Library's renovation project including our need to address safety concerns, our need for patron parking, the Board's determination to maintain as much green space as possible, our future relationship with the Amherst Historical Society, and the look and feel of the future Jones Library. I also addressed concerns about how much larger the building will be.
5. Held a Jones Library space needs tour for local reporters in order to help address the misinformation that has begun to circulate in Town. Topics included the Library's relationship with the Historical Society, the Library's gardens, lack of patron parking, safety concerns, and Special Collections, Teen and Youth Services space needs.
6. Met with Financial Development Agency (FDA) about this summer's proposed "Listening Tour."
7. Participated in a tour of Amherst for U.S. Congressman James McGovern; was able to brief him on our upcoming renovation project.
8. The Amherst Historical Society (AHS) continued to research whether or not they can legally sell a portion of their property to The Jones Library, Inc.

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