

Jones Library

43 Amity Street, Amherst, MA

[Building Project Website](#)



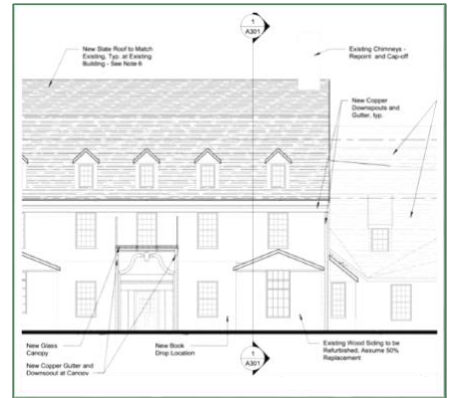
Project Update

On July 1, the Design Team provided a [schematic design package](#) with complete drawings and specifications for this phase of the project. The schematic design package will be used to create an updated cost estimate for the project. The cost estimate will include value engineering exercises. This means that if the project is over budget the cost estimator and the designer will work together to provide a list of items and their associated costs for consideration of removal from the project. Due to the changing market costs, the items on the value engineering list will not necessarily be removed from the project but are identified as possibilities if construction and material costs continue at the current elevated rates.

As part of the process, two cost estimates will be completed, one by a firm (Fennessy Consulting Services) contracted by the designer and one by a firm (RLB) contracted by Town. Once the two cost estimates are received, a reconciliation will be performed and by early August the project will begin the design development phase.

This process of cost estimation, value engineering, and identifying items to add or delete to remain within the budget performed by two separate cost estimators, will be conducted again at the end of both the design development phase and the construction document phase.

If you were unable to attend the [Community Forum](#) on July 6 where the schematic design package was reviewed, you can watch it [here](#) on the Amherst YouTube channel.



Upcoming Outreach Events

Walking Tours of Building Exterior (meet under the tent at the front of the Jones)

July 27, 6 p.m.

July 31 9 a.m.

Future dates TBD

Share a Comment in any of these formats

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[Library Images - add your comments](#)

[Submit a Comment Form](#)

[Ask a Question on AmherstTalks](#)

Reminder: Public Feedback on Schematic Design closed on July 1st.

Other Important News

Interim Locations for Temporary Library Services

The Library in conjunction with the Town has identified some potential locations for temporary library services during construction. These are spaces in addition to the services that will be offered in the branch locations. The OPM is currently reviewing the proposed spaces for viability and to identify any potential red flags or concerns. The Town continues to look for additional locations and spaces to provide temporary services and would love feedback, ideas, or thoughts about viable locations.

Community Outreach Update

Public feedback on the schematic design phase closed on July 1. Over the course of two months the public provided the JLBC with 2,487 [public comments](#), almost 1,000 of which came from teens! We are grateful for everyone who shared their hopes, thoughts, and ideas with us. The schematic design changed multiple times during this phase of the project and benefited greatly from the public input received.

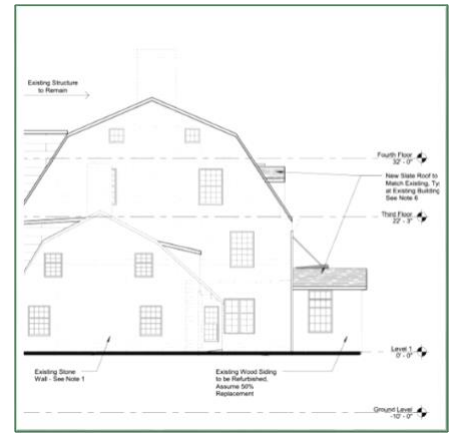
Public comments that impact later stages of the project (e.g., furniture, landscaping, color choices, changes to roof angles or dormers, etc.) continue to be reviewed and voted on by the JLBC. A third round of public comments will be reviewed and voted on at the next JLBC meeting on July 26.

Stay tuned for the next phase of public outreach once we begin the design development phase in August.

Walking Tours for the Exterior Design

Join us for a walking tour of the exterior of the Jones Library building. With a copy of the proposed renderings in hand and the building before us, let's have a conversation about the specific elements of the current and proposed building design that you love or that may not be your favorite. This is also an opportunity to ask questions or give feedback about specific elements of the exterior design.

Request for help: We would love to do an aerial-led tour for people unable to attend an in-person walk around the building. If you know of someone who might be interested in helping to create an aerial tour, please let us know!



Document Links

[schematic design package 7/1/22](#)

[schematic designs 6/24/22](#)

[schematic designs 6/21/22](#)

[schematic designs 5/27/22](#)

[schematic designs 10/08/20](#)

[building program](#)

[projected timeline](#)

[exterior material options renderings](#)

Upcoming JLBC Meetings

Jones Library Building Committee

July 26, 4:30 p.m.

Design Subcommittee

July 29, 9 a.m.

Outreach Subcommittee

August 9, 4 p.m.