



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 23, 2016

Paul Bockelman
Town Manager
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts
Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue
Amherst, MA 01002

RE: Jones Library Renovation, Demolition, New Addition; 43 Amity Street; Amherst, MA; MHC# RC.60731

Dear Mr. Bockelman:

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has received information submitted from The Jones Library, received November 23, 2016, concerning the proposed project referenced above. As you are aware, the subject property at 43 Amity Street, historically known as the Jones Library, is located within the Amherst Central Business District and listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places. After a review of the information submitted, MHC staff have the following comments.

The proposed project involving limited demolition of the original 1928 library structure, the demolition of the 1993 addition, and the construction of a new addition is described in the Project Notification Form that was submitted to this office, received November 23, 2016.

At this time, the MHC is unable to determine what effect the proposed project will have on the historic property and district listed above. The MHC requests the following information in a hard-copy format. The MHC requires complete photographic coverage of proposed work locations on the exterior and the interior of the library, keyed to sketch maps or floor plans. Please provide a detailed project description along with an indication of what exterior and interior sections of the building will be removed and whether they will be stored for future reuse. Please provide existing and proposed perspective illustrations of the project, keyed to a sketch map.

The MHC requests that a copy of the above requested information be submitted to Michael Hanke, Chairperson, Amherst Historical Commission, 4 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, MA 01002. The MHC also requests that a copy of the above requested information be submitted to Sarah McKee, 9 Chadwick Ct, Amherst, MA 01002-2825 and Michael Burkart, Save Our Library Committee, 92 Aubinwood Road, Amherst, MA 01002. The MHC looks forward to receiving and reviewing the above requested information and any comments from the entities indicated above.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), and M.G.L. Chapter 9, Section 26-27C, as amended by Chapter 254 of the Acts of 1988 (950 CMR 71.00). Please do not hesitate to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan T. Maciej".

Ryan T. Maciej
Preservation Planner
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Sharon Sharry, Jones Library
Dianne Carty, MBLC
Anita Walker, MCC
Michael Hanke, Amherst Historical Commission
Ed Allegre, Colliers International
Sarah McKee
Michael Burkart, Save Our Library Committee