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As you may have heard, bids for the Jones Library project were due on Friday afternoon. The Town received one bid to be General Contractor. That bid exceeded the amount estimated by a significant amount.

Town staff are analyzing the bid and will be meeting with the Town's Owner's Project Manager to review options. We will then review the status with the Jones Library Building Committee.

I understand that, for many, this news is disheartening, especially given the overwhelming support the Town has shown for the project including votes in favor from Town Meeting, Select Board, Library Trustees, Town Council, and a general vote of the public. Unfortunately, the Town – like all public entities - is subject to the vagaries of current market conditions.

Town staff will have a more thorough assessment of the situation in time for the Town Council's May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Paul