JONES LIBRARY

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November 15, 2024

Vicky Biancolo MBLC Chair Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners 90 Canal Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114

Dear Vicky,

With this letter, we are respectfully requesting a 12 week extension for the Jones Library Project deadline with a revised date of March 31, 2025.

On October 31, 2024, the Jones Library Expansion and Renovation project received bids from two General Contractors and remains within the existing bond cap of \$46,139,800 already approved by Amherst Town Council.

This project is relying heavily on State and Federal funding. The Town of Amherst must complete its Section 106 Historic Preservation Review before it can move forward. To this end, the Town is working directly with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. This extension will allow the time required to complete this process.

We look forward to meeting with you in December in order to discuss this request.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Austin Sarat, President Jones Library Board of Trustees

Paul Bockelman, Town Manager Town of Amherst

