

TIMELINE FOR THIRD EXPANSION PROJECT

1975

Library opens after completion of the second expansion that is four times larger than previous structure.

1983

Capital Programs Committee

- Trustees submit cost plan for third expansion project
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1986

Capital Programs Committee

- Expansion placed on capital programs plan to be completed in 1991-1992. Estimated cost \$782,000

Conservation Committee

- Discussion in reference to the purchase of out of downtown property for a new government center (Willey property?)
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1987

Board of Selectmen

- Trustees request funds to complete a feasibility study for the renovation and expansion to the Library. Discussion included exploring the option of incorporating the post office with the Library facility.
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1988

Capital Programs Committee

- Revised capital program and space needs study

Town Counsel

- Requested that Ron Rappaport create a first right of refusal from Library abutters for Town

1990

Capital programs committee

- Expansion completion pushed back to 1997 finish date
- Submitted estimate of \$129,000 for building plans

1991

- Hutker & Associates designed plans for rearranging to try to meet space needs

1993

Capital Programs Committee

- Building estimated to be completed in 1998
- Total cost \$1,000,000

1994

Building

- New furnace
- New roof on 1975 expansion
- Installation of air conditioning units
- ATM article for \$122, 000 to replace roof and damage repair

Capital Programs Committee

- Addition of 2nd floor to current Library dismissed upon advice of engineers and architect. Described as “a nightmare” and very costly due to the need to re-stress the entire building.
- Requested elevator installation for \$85,000 to meet handicap requirement. To be completed by 1996.
- Requested funds for installation of new carpet throughout building for \$15,000. To be completed by 1997.
- Requested Library expansion plans analysis for \$50,000. To be completed by 1999.
- Requested Land acquisition for library expansion to cost \$500,000. To be purchased by 2000.
- Updated Library expansion estimate to cost \$3,000,000. To be completed by 2000.

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

- Construction grant round announced
- Library Board files letter of intent for special category of reimbursement for the roof and climate control. Grant was not awarded.

1995

- Library, school and senior center discuss combining space. Departmental usage was contradictory to effective use of shared space.

1997

Capital Programs Committee

- Elevator not completed as planned
- Requested furniture for new library expansion for \$150,000 to be completed in 2000.

2001

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

- Trustees apply for Planning & Design grant. Town receives maximum award of \$20,000.
- ATM article for \$37,000 for planning and design project.
- According to state regulations old School building would be inappropriate due to lack of useable space and State Road parking issues. Trustees plan for Library expansion in downtown location.

2003

Capital Programs Committee

- Land acquisition cost updated to \$1.5 million. To be purchased by 2006.
- Expansion cost updated to \$6,500,000. To be completed by 2008.

2004

Board of Selectmen

- Warren House is available for purchase without the Daggett House property. Trustees ask Selectmen to support the purchase of the property.
- Planning Committee meets with selectmen to discuss the needs of the library and the conceptual design of the proposed expansion.
- Building Committee briefs BOS on project progress in November. Selectmen briefed on project progress

Capital Programs Committee

- Planning Committee meets with CPC twice to discuss proposed expansion.

Edgartown Historic District Commission

- Committee approaches EHDC to explore design and building options.

Edgartown Library Foundation

- To raise funds for the expansion, the Edgartown Library Foundation is formed and registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt entity.

Financial Advisory Committee

- Planning committee meets with FAC to discuss estimated cost of the conceptual design, building, and anticipated operational budget

Library Board of Trustees

- Petition for purchasing abutting property
- Full price offer made on abutting property and was accepted pending Special Town Meeting and Special Election approval.
- Special town meeting article to purchase Warren House property approved, 201 yes, 30 no.
- Special town election to purchase Warren House property passes 438 yes, 172 no.
- Vineyard Gazette publishes articles on library expansion and location
- Warren House purchase - meetings leading up to and culminating in the eventual purchase.
- Centennial celebration of library

Library Building Committee

- Trustees form Building Committee and appoint the following members: Alison Cannon, Tony Bongiorno, Diane Bongiorno, Ellen Kaplan, Mack Reed, Nancy Ambrose, Patricia Rose, Patricia Dean, Richard Fenn, Stuart Lollis, Donald Corner, and Ann Tyra.
- Building committee members visit libraries on Cape and in Acton, Concord, Stow, Waltham and Wellesley.
- Building plan based on service needs from questionnaires, interviews, public meetings, submitted to MBLC.
- Schwartz/Silver hired after bidding process completed – October 2004
- Building committee and trustees meet weekly with architects (public meetings)
- Weekly review of design concepts (7-8 altogether)
- Met with preservation consultant
- Committee moves meeting to town hall for greater public exposure and meeting space.
- Committee members attend workshop for MBLC construction grant applicants in Canton, MA (12/07).
- Building committee approves schematic design

Library Grant Committee

- Trustees form Grant Committee and appoint the following members: April Hamel, Nancy Ambrose, Joan Thompson, Ann Tyra, Stuart Lollis, and Mack Reed.
- Library consultant Thomas Jewel hired to assist in grant process.

Library Planning Committee

- Trustees create a Planning Committee and appoint the following members: Nancy Ambrose, Diane Bongiorno, Alison Cannon, Richard Fenn, Ellen Kaplan, Stuart Lollis, Mack Reed, Patricia Dean, Joan Thompson, and Ann Tyra
- Members attend MBLC construction grant informational session in Boston.

- Starting in June, Committee meets biweekly in library.
- Questionnaire distributed at town hall, council on aging and library for input on proposed expansion.
- Meet with community organizations and groups to discuss library expansion.
- Open house at library to discuss expansion
- RFQ's for architects advertised in Central Register

Library Public Relations Committee

- Trustees form Public Relations Committee and appoint the following members: Patricia Rose, Elizabeth Villard, Joan Thompson, Alison Cannon, Courtney Brady, and Nancy Ambrose.

Planning Board

- Library Planning Committee meets with PB to explain the overall conceptual design.

2005

Board of Selectmen

- BOS sign MBLC construction grant application.
- Trustees meet with BOS to discuss status of expansion on 5/16/05 and 5/23/05, and a Joint Advisory Committee is appointed on 6/6/05. Members include Courtney Brady, Alison Cannon, Ann Tyra, Jeff Agnoli, Larry Mercier, Norman Rankow, Jim Joyce and Martin Berger.

Board of Trustees

- Trustees submit MBLC construction grant application to MBLC
- Building design and explanation of services was inserted in Vineyard Gazette and MV Times.
- Annual Town Meeting votes to approve design and to accept state and federal funding to defray the cost of the expansion
- MBLC approves Library grant for \$3,994,397. Edgartown is #21 on a waiting list of 25 (July).

Edgartown Historic District Commission

- After several meetings, EHDC approves design conditionally.
- JAC Chair, Jeff Agnoli and Ted Morgan discuss demolition of Warren House.

Edgartown Library Foundation

- Foundation meets with fund raising consultant

Joint Advisory Committee

- JAC meets 7/6, 7/21, 8/11, 8/25, 9/27, 10/6, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/21, 12/8, 1/5/06, 1/26/06.
- Library survey conducted for users feedback the week of 8/1/05 thru 8/6/05

Library Building Committee

- Building committee meets regularly with Schwartz/Silver

Library Public Relations Committee

- Committee meets biweekly on Saturdays at library.
- Committee presents design to community organizations (Edgartown School PTO, Women's Club, School Faculty meeting, Federated Church, Zonta, St. Andrew's Women's Club, League of Women Voters, Rotary, private home gatherings)
- Semi-weekly informational sessions in the library to explain the design and discuss services to public.

Zoning Board of Appeals

- ZBA cancels hearing with the architect and Library Building Committee on night of scheduled meeting. ZBA states that they want EHDC to rule on project first.
- ZBA denied special permit citing design and parking (3-2)

2006

Library closes children's room due to mold and structural issues from March 2006 through January 2007.

Joint Advisory Committee

- Warren House is evaluated for low income housing use and refused by John Abrams (Island Affordable Housing Fund), Edgartown Resident Home site Committee, and the Island Housing Trust.
- John Lolley (with assistance from Kent Healy) submits report stating that due to load capacity problems and other issues, renovation could be twice the cost of a new structure. "Consequences of cost overrun should be carefully considered by the town."
- John Lolley (with assistance from Kent Healy) submits engineering report stating that moving the Carnegie is feasible and would be cheaper than replicating.
- Committee meets for the final time on 1/26/09, and votes to accept the proposed plans (1 vote opposed). Committee states that the redesign met the concerns of the ZBA. Agreed that JAC had achieved its goal and that the process should be turned over to the Library Board of Trustees after presenting the Committee's findings to the selectmen.

Board of Selectmen

- JAC Chairman, Jeff Agnoli, sends letter to of BOS outlining JAC's recommendations. (February 2, 2006).
- BOS respond to JAC's status report. They ask that the demolition of the Warren House be postponed until plans are fully approved and the town has a handle on the complete financing of the project. Also, request that a structural engineer look at the feasibility of moving the Carnegie (February 8, 2006).

2007

Library suffers “puff back” and relocates to town hall from December 2007 to May 2008.

Board of Selectmen

- Letter submitted to BOS requesting permission to demolish Warren House and whether or not it would require a town vote.

Edgartown Library Foundation

- Wine tasting fundraising event
- Fundraiser at Bongiorno's \$12K net

2008

Library Board of Trustees

- MBLC votes to approve funding of the provisional grant award of \$4,593,557 to the Library for construction project.
- State allocates funding for MBLC construction grant program. Deadline to accept funding from MBLC is 12/31/09.

Edgartown Library Foundation

- Holds fund raiser with sports writer Michael Holley.
- Foundation sells Teddy bears, books, t-shirts, charms, MP3 players to raise funds.

2009

Board of Selectmen

- Trustees submit letter submitted to BOS requesting permission to investigate the dismantling of the Warren House (February).
- Selectmen vote to support the Trustees' request for a 6 month extension from the MBLC (September).

Board of Trustees

- MBLC offers 6 month extension on the \$4,593,557 provisional grant award (June).
- Trustees submit extension request to MBLC (November).
- MBLC approves grant extension to final deadline of June 15, 2010 (December).

Capital Programs Committee

- Library Director submits letter to CPC in summer requesting contact to clear up confusion as to what to include on the Capital Programs List.

Edgartown Library Foundation

- *Legacy of Learning* brunch fundraiser
- *Frankly We Love the Library* event
- Over \$14,000 raised in bottle campaign