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## **THE NEW TUFTS LIBRARY** Town of Weymouth, Massachusetts Library Construction Committee

### **Project Charter Adopted 26 February 2018**

At the February 26, 2018 meeting of the Tufts Library Construction Committee (LCC), the following 14 factors of project success were adopted as the Project Charter for the New Tufts Library Project. The project team that is the LCC, the Town of Weymouth, their Owner's Project Manager, Designer, and General Contractor is or will be instructed to design and build a New Tufts Library in accordance with the following objectives:

1. The new Tufts Library will be completed on time and within budget and will reflect the goals and objectives of the Town's MBLC-approved Library Building Program.
2. The new Tufts Library will accommodate and facilitate uses by all age groups, especially children, young adults, and life-long learners.
3. The building's design will emphasize universal access for an aging population. The new Tufts Library will go above and beyond legal compliance, with a desire to become a model of inclusive design for people of all ages and abilities.
4. The new Tufts Library will provide places for both collections and people, with appropriate and creative acoustic separation between spaces for ongoing and varied activities. Collections will be displayed in an engaging and browser-friendly manner. Meeting places will be inviting, comfortable, and equipped with appropriate technology.
5. The new Tufts Library will offer cutting-edge "maker" spaces to facilitate creative, do-it-yourself (DIY) projects and STEM educational experiences to support emerging inventors, designers, and tinkerers.
6. The structure and layout of the new Tufts Library will be flexible to support reconfiguration, reorganization, and conversion of the building to meet evolving needs in future, especially new technology.
7. There will be a robust wireless infrastructure that is scalable and able to accommodate more numerous IP addresses and connections in future.
8. There will be an abundance of power and power outlets throughout the building, providing capacity for a comprehensive network of PACs, computer stations, and charging stations, and allowing for use of personal electronic devices without risks of tripping hazards.

9. The new Tufts Library will provide for proper storage of its nationally-significant local history collection. The library will further provide flexibility for rotating displays of historical artifacts and collections owned by the library and/or lent by the community. Both storage and display spaces will be designed for featured use in the Town's 400th Anniversary celebration.
10. The new Tufts Library will be resilient, energy efficient, easy to maintain, and environmentally friendly. There will be an emphasis on daylight, natural ventilation, and locally-sourced materials, and the building will attain LEED certification.
11. The new Tufts Library will have adequate parking, with easy access for older adults and persons with disabilities. Parking lots and entrances will be designed with traffic-calming measures to minimize impacts to the surrounding neighborhood, with an emphasis on pedestrian mobility and safety.
12. The new Tufts Library will present a thoughtful and timeless exterior design, one that respects Weymouth's heritage as the second oldest township in Massachusetts but also presents a modern institution, central to community life. It will be attractive and inviting, with an emphasis on visibility in and out of the building. Residents will feel as though the new building has been a fixture of the community forever.
13. The interior and exterior of the new Tufts Library will engage one another, providing a coherent and dynamic relationship between the building and its surrounding landscape. The exterior will be green and walkable, with easy access between the library's children's department and the surrounding park. The exterior will accommodate performance-based programming and be an extension of the library's interior space.
14. The new Tufts Library will be a source of pride for Weymouth, a cultural and economic anchor for Weymouth Landing, and an example to the Commonwealth of what a library can and should be.