

***Town of Weymouth
Massachusetts***

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


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MEMORANDUM

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: ROBERT L. HEDLUND, MAYOR 

RE: A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY
STATE GRANTS WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2016

I hereby submit the following measure to Town Council for its consideration and action:

- Whereas: The Tufts Library, built in 1965, is the Town of Weymouth's main public library facility, and being more than 50 years old, is unable to support contemporary library services and collections for current and future populations, as determined by the Town of Weymouth's Library Building Program; and
- Whereas: The current Tuft Library facility falls short of any reasonable standards of accessibility and has building systems that are well-beyond their expected service life; and
- Whereas: Repairing these building deficiencies would be cost prohibitive and would not improve the ability of the library to meet today's public library service standards; and
- Whereas: The Mayor and Town Council acknowledge the need for a comprehensive reinvestment in the Town's main public library facility, and that such an investment will require financial support; and
- Whereas: Johnson Roberts Associates, architects and consultants to the Town of Weymouth, have prepared a schematic design for a new public library, shown on a sketch dated December 15, 2016 and located on all or parts of (1) the parcel of land show on Assessors Map 20 as Block and Lot 276-14,

(2) the parcel of land shown on Assessors Map 20 as Block and Lot 276-38; and (3) the parcel of land shown on Assessors Map 20 as Block and Lot 280-17; and

Whereas: The Town Council shall, consistent with the aforementioned sketch, transfer the care, custody, management, and control of all or any parts of the aforementioned parcels of land to the Department of Public Libraries for town library purposes and parking facilities, contingent on an act of the Massachusetts legislature to amend the Massachusetts Acts of 1960, Chapter 211; and

Whereas: The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program to support their public libraries through the renovation and expansion of existing buildings or the construction of new facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

1. That the Mayor, the Department of Public Libraries, and/or the Board of Trustees of the Public Library be and is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction, and equipping of the Town's main public library facility, including but not limited to the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program; and
2. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.