# Thomas Memorial Library

Programming Study Cape Elizabeth, Maine

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# Scope of Services:

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## 1. Review existing information:

- Previous studies
- Property survey
- Existing building(s) condition / deficiencies
- Information from the August 29th community round table session
- Observations on site

# 2. Solicit local input regarding needs& goals:

- TML Library Planning Committee
- TML Director and Staff
- Historical Preservation Society
- Schools
- Community Services
- Business Community

# 3. Develop a building program:

- Use available guidelines of library space allocations
- Research & visit other libraries to study space allocations
- Compare existing TML space to new space allocations

# 4. Develop Concept Plans:

- Site Plan
- Lower Level Floor Plan
- Upper Level Floor Plan

# 5. Prepare a project budget

# Space Planning Library Guidelines Comparisons:

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**•TOTAL** 

Population of Cape Elizabeth: 9,068 (2010 census)

	Connecticut State Library Guideline 2002	Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction Guideline 2009
<ul><li>Population</li></ul>	9,350	9,010
<ul><li>Collection Space</li></ul>	3,490 sf	4,665 sf
<ul><li>User Seating Space</li></ul>	1,980 sf	2,040 sf
<ul><li>Staff Work Space</li></ul>	1,500 sf	1,200 sf
<ul><li>Meeting Room Space</li></ul>	1,100 sf	1,150 sf
<ul><li>Special Use Space</li></ul>	1,768 sf	2,360 sf
•*Non-assignable	2,460 sf	4,335 sf

12,298 sf

15,750 sf

# Thomas Memorial Library Program Comparison:

Name of Space	1985 TML Bldg. Existing Areas (sf)	2013 TML Bldg. Proposed Areas (sf)		
Children Adult	1,900 3,400	3,340 3,350		
Circulation Desk Technical Services	230 650	720 1,500		
Meeting Rooms (includes Book Sale)	1,320	1,640		
Young Adult / Computer Lobby	440 250	1,500 420		
Storage / Utility	1,100	1,200		
Historical Preservation Society SUBTOTAL	9,950 net sf	13,670 net sf		
Non-Assignable Space Such as corridors, toilets, stairs, etc	4,515	2,360		
TOTAL AREA	14,465 gross sf	16,030 gross sf		
	9,950 = 69% Efficient 14,465	13,670 = 85% Efficient 16,030		
Efficiency is the ratio of net area (usable) to gross area (total)				

# Summary of Users, Stake Holders & Community Input:

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### School Board, School Leadership & Community Services

- Pond Cove School students go to the library after school and get picked up I later by parents.
- · Desire a bus turn around for possible bus drop off.
- Community Center desires a walking connection with the library for its Pre-K programs after-care programs & summer programs.
- Use of existing school playground by library patrons is a security issue during school hours.
- Lockable playground for Library patron geared towards Pre-K.

### **Business Community of Cape Elizabeth**

- No large businesses in Cape Elizabeth.
- Desires meeting space for less than 6 people with night-time access.
- Desires Business Center- small room with fax, printer, copier & computer
- Business Community currently funds books for the library- could be involved in programs such as for Seniors.
- Business Community uses other meeting space in the Cape- i.e. Fire House.
- Police Station, local restaurants.

### Roundtable Public Input Session

 Reed & Co. Architecture attended the August 29, 2013 Input Session at Cape Elizabeth High School Cafeteria and heard the comments and concerns from the citizens present. Please refer to Appendix C for event summary.

### Staff of Thomas Memorial Library

- Handicap lifts are not used thus limiting accessibility by patrons & staff.
- Poor visual and physical connection between circulation desk and other staff
- Circulation desk space is limited and cannot accommodate the Inter Library Loan (ILL).
- · Staff is spread out through library- Security & Communications issue.
- Desire adjustable work -stations for multiple users of work stations and reference desk.
- Desire dedicated printer for staff and separate one for public.
- Desire to print using wireless.
- Children Programs are constrained by low head- room and structural columns- Story Time is often 40-50 combined children / adults.
- Desire more storage space in Children's Room for crafts, props, toys, puzzles, etc.
- Desire Living Room Space for Socrates Café in Adult Reading (10-20 people).
- Desire general information near entrance (i.e. tax forms, brochures)
- Desire cozy spaces for reading.
- Young Adult space is noisy and needs acoustical separation.
- Patrons like Art Displays and Book Sales.

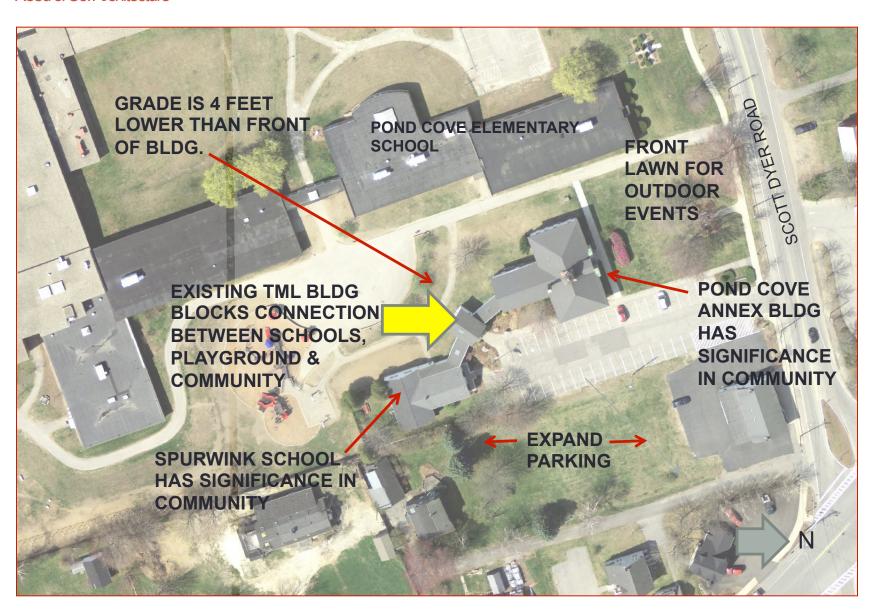
### **Historical Society of Cape Elizabeth**

- Desires more Public Visibility- No current Display Space
- Requires Handicap Accessibility
- · Requires Archival Storage Space, Humidity Controlled
- Requires Secure Space (Non- Combustible)
- · One third of collection is Town Records, maps etc.
- Current Space: 950 sq.ft. --- Desires 1200 sq.ft.

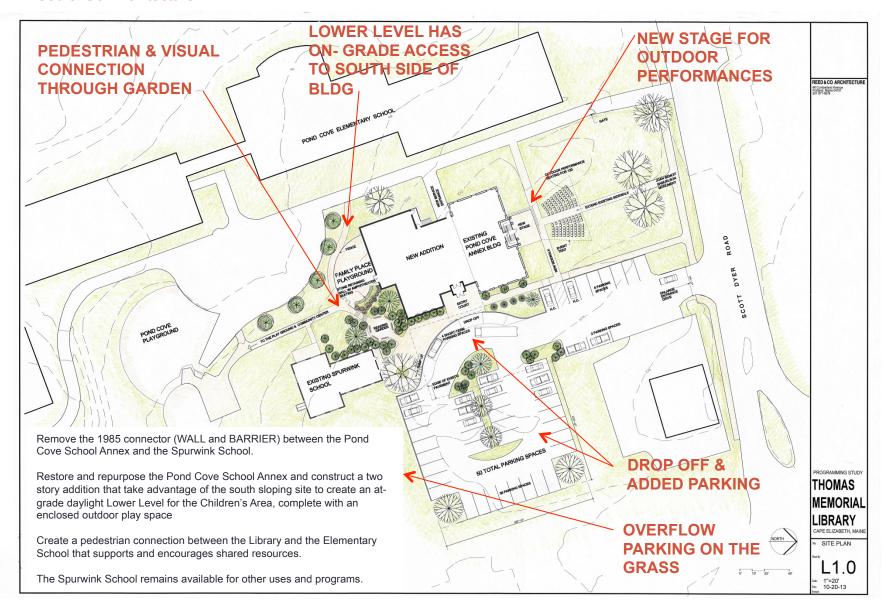
350 sq.ft. Archives 300 sq. ft Office

300 sq.ft. Shared Conference Space (Maine Rm.)

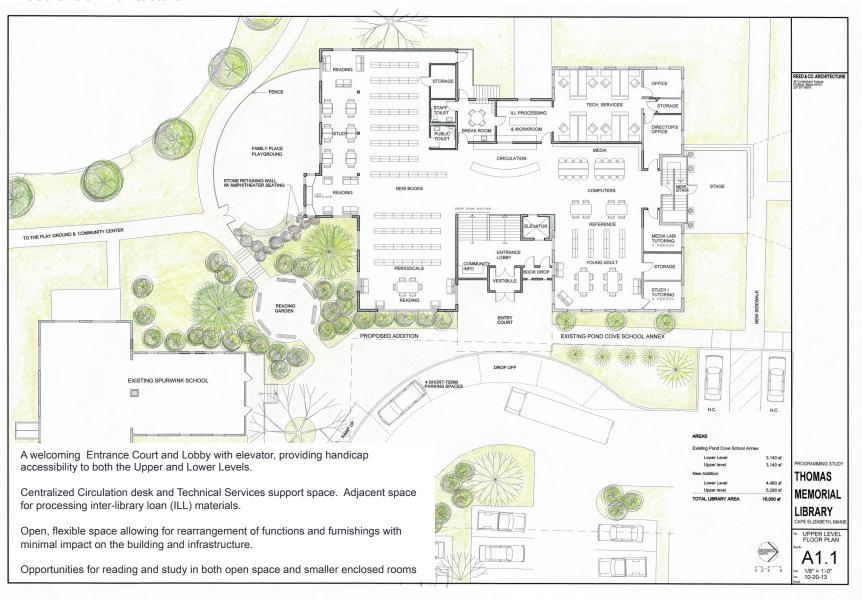
# **Existing Site Conditions**



# Proposed Site Plan



# Proposed Upper Level Floor Plan



# Proposed Lower Level Floor Plan



# **Project Budget:**

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### 1. **HARD COSTS** – (Construction)

	<b>Projected Construction Cost</b>	\$3,404,000
	Estimating Contingency	162,000
C.	Site Development/Improvements Grading, paving, landscaping, curbs, sidewalk etc.	350,000
b.	9,750 sf @ \$200/sf New Construction	1,950,000
a.	3,140 sf @ \$150/sf Renovation of Upper Level 3,140 sf @ \$150/sf Renovation of Lower level	\$471,000 471,000

2. SOFT COSTS- 538,000

Including but not limited to:

Advertising/Printing/Legal, A/E Basic Services, State and Local Approvals, Preconstruction Services, Land Survey, Geo Tech, Commissioning, Construction Materials Testing, Hazardous Materials Abatement, Legal/Bond Finance Cost, Builder's Risk Insurance, Utility Charges, Moving Costs, Owners Contingency

### PROJECTED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

\$3,942,000

Not including: Spurwink School Improvements, Furniture, Equipment and relocation of Historical Society.



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# **Design Summary:**

- Remove the 1985 connector (WALL and BARRIER) between the Pond Cove School Annex and the Spurwink School.
- 2. Restore and repurpose the Pond Cove School Annex and construct a two story addition that takes advantage of the south sloping site to create an at-grade daylight Lower Level for the Children's Area, complete with an enclosed outdoor play space.
- 3. "The greenest building is the one already built."
- 4. Honor the history and heritage of Cape Elizabeth.
- 5. A two story addition takes advantage of the site conditions while minimizing the footprint, exterior surface area and thermal envelope. This reduces site costs, and also energy consumption costs.
- 6. The Spurwink School remains available for other uses and programs.
- 7. Create a pedestrian connection between the Library and the Elementary School that supports and encourages shared resources.
- 8. Add a new stage for outdoor performances in the lawn area in front of the Pond Cove School Annex.
- 9. Added parking with adequate drop-off space for cars or buses.
- 10. The existing and new construction will incorporate proven materials, equipment and technologies that are durable, low maintenance and energy efficient. The completed building will qualify for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status.
- 11. The new addition will be designed to complement and be compatible with the historic Pond Cove School Annex and Spurwink School.



Next Steps for Thomas Memorial Library