

## Thomas Memorial Library Planning Highlights from 1919 to Present\*

- 1919 Thomas Memorial Library dedicated with donation of 1849 schoolhouse
- 1944 TML/1849 schoolhouse moved to present location
- 1958 Rear wing added to 1849 schoolhouse
- 1968 Rear wing "raised" to provide space for Children's Room in basement
- 1985 Pond Cove School annexed with construction of corridor
- 2005 Town Council and Library Trustees hold workshop on space needs
- 2007 Comprehensive Plan Facility Review: Library inadequacies noted with estimated future costs
- 2007 Town Council approves formation of Thomas Memorial Library (TML) Study Committee
- 2008 TML Study Committee selects consultant ( Himmel & Wilson ) for library study
- 2009 Town Council Goal: "Receive Library Study Report and Consider Its Recommendations"
  - Focus groups, online surveys and telephone surveys engage over 1000 citizens
  - Consultant presents overview of needs assessment at Town Hall
  - Consultant holds interactive design session, presents preliminary design concepts ( internal )
  - Study Committee approves Consultant report for library building enhancement plan
  - Town Council holds workshop on new proposal for library
  - Town Council postpones consideration of new building to following year
- 2010 Town Council Goal: " Determine the Future of Library Space and Library Service Needs in Cape Elizabeth"
  - Town Council workshop reviews a report from the TML Study Committee
- 2011 Town Council Goal: "Continue Planning the Future of Library Services Working with the Trustees of the TML"
  - Himmel & Wilson present Final Report Phases I, II, and III
  - Phase I Needs Assessment, Phase II Library Improvement Program, Phase III Final Recommendation
  - H&W Final Recommendation is Clean Slate approach ( new building )
  - Casaccio Associates ( architects ) present Concept Design Alternatives
  - Charettes held at the TML with Casaccio Architects
  - Library Board of Trustees select Demont Associates to conduct a Fundraising Feasibility Study
  - Town Council Workshop with elevations from Casaccio Architects
  - Board of Trustees charged with Public Outreach and Education on Needs of Facility

2012 Town Council Goal: "Schedule a Citizen Vote on a New Vision and Facility for the TML and Cultural Center  
Demont Fundraising Study Received  
Board of Trustees holds multiple tours of Library Facility  
Board of Trustees creates information pamphlet covering facility needs  
Board of Trustees schedules informal meetings throughout town to inform public of needs  
Public Hearing held in Town Hall on Future of Library  
Town Council Schedules November Referendum on Library Bond  
Library Bond fails

2013 Town Council Goal: " in 2013 the Town Council Will Develop a Process and a Plan to Determine the Future of Library Services for the Community"  
Council creates ad hoc committee " The Library Planning Committee" with its report due in October 2013

\* Data compiled from: Town Council minutes and Workshop agendas 2007 to present,  
TML Website, 2007 Comprehensive Plan of Cape Elizabeth TML Board of Trustees minutes  
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