

## Update on the Library Project Site Plan

# CPDC Continuing Public Hearing, Site Plan Review Monday, June 23 at 8:30 PM Open to the Public



The Reading Public Library building project has realized significant progress in the last few weeks towards a workable site plan design. The project architects (CBT) and project manager (STV) have worked diligently to develop additional site options to further accommodate feedback from community meetings, local public safety officials and citizen comments at the May 19 CPDC meeting. The three main themes of concern were altered or concentrated traffic flow, sufficient alternative access for emergency vehicles, and sufficient on-site parking. However, all acknowledge that the neighborhood location and tight site make a perfect solution impossible.

A modified site plan (attached) was unveiled at the Library Building Committee (LBC) meeting on June 11. As you will see, this option preserves the two curb cuts currently used, and avoids the need for any significant retaining walls. The LBC believes this design addresses each of the three major concerns at least in part. This proposal does involve the difficult compromise to remove several large trees in the front of the library.

After confirming satisfaction from Town safety officials and management, the LBC members present voted unanimously to endorse this plan. It will be submitted for review by the CPDC at its scheduled meeting on June 23 – the Hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:30pm.

STV reports that estimated project costs – including this latest site plan revision - are still expected to be within the project budget. Working groups representing the Town and the library will continue to evaluate design choices to ensure adherence to both design and expenditure expectations.

Please check the Town and Library website for project updates. If you have any questions about this project at any time, they may be directed to David Hutchinson, Chair of the LBC and a Library Trustee at [david.hutchinson@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:david.hutchinson@ci.reading.ma.us) and/or to Jane Kinsella, Business Administrator at Town Hall and also a member of the LBC at [jkinsella@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:jkinsella@ci.reading.ma.us) .

