

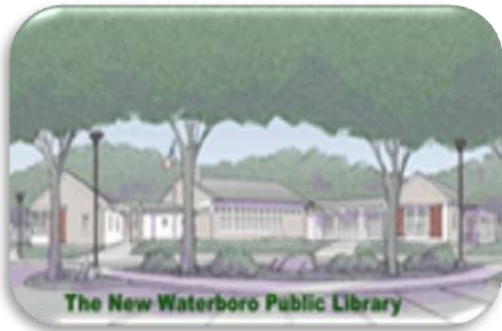
## Current Public Library and Community Center

**The Problem:** While the population of Waterboro has grown substantially over the past decade, our library space has not been able to keep pace.

- It does not meet minimum library standards.
- The building has structural problems and does not comply with accessibility and health codes.
- There is no space for adult or teen programming.
- There is minimal space for children's programs.
- It has limited access to the information highway.
- There is no place for the community to gather.



**The Solution:** To address this problem, in 2003 the Friends of the Waterboro Public Library began working towards building a new library. They created a strategic plan to guide services for the present library and the development of a new library. With Town Meeting approval of funds, the Board of Selectmen and the Friends hired an architect, and a thoughtful design for the building was created. The new library center is part of a Capital Improvement Plan for the town. It is designed to meet our present needs and serve future generations.



**The Goal:** To build a New Waterboro Public library and Community Center on 3.8 acres of donated land on Route 5 next to the new middle school.

**The Design:** A community center with thoughtful integrity that allows for future expansion to serve the community for the next century.

**The Cost:** The estimated cost of the new library and community center is \$2.9 million.

- Land valued at over \$300,000 has been donated, **but only until 2012!**
- The Friends are committed to raising \$1 million; **1/3 of the total cost!** Grant writing, fundraising and special events are ongoing. Over \$300,000 has been raised towards our goal.
- A three-part Federal Funding application for \$500,000 was submitted February 2010. Applications advancing to the next phase will be announced this spring.
- The funding plan includes a municipal contribution of \$2 million with passage of a 20-year Municipal Bond at a November 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum. **Cost for the average taxpayer will be less than \$10 a month**, based on a town assessed house and land value of \$200,000.

As the world changes around us, our citizens and our children need the ability to reach out and touch the world. As Waterboro continues to grow, we need a facility to provide that advantage. A new library center is a **multi-media adventure for all ages** to gather, share information and experiences, grow as individuals and as a community. **Just imagine the possibilities!**

### A Community Place to Serve All Ages:

- Help seniors master today's technology
- Assist Home Schoolers
- A place for social interaction
- Safe place for teens to meet and gather
- A place for parents with preschoolers
- Programs for day cares
- Meeting place for Community programs

### Serving Community and the Arts:

- Sharing local art talent
- Art demonstration programs
- Educational programming
- Music and poetry
- Book clubs and readers' groups
- Meeting the individual's interests
- Adult Literacy Programs

### Direct Access to the World's Information:

- News; local, regional, national, and international media outlets
- Free computer use and internet WiFi
- Travel and adventure series
- A "How To" center
- Genealogy resources
- Up to date medical information

### Waterboro Business Development:

- Information technology for job seekers
- Training seminars for small businesses
- Business information, local and regional
- Marketing Waterboro as a place to start or grow a business and raise a family
- Targeting industries and services essential for a well rounded community

**The Friends encourage and applaud your support.** April 2010 is the launch of our donation drive. We sincerely appreciate your donation of any size. A new Library and Community Center is meant to inspire, excite, and expand your imagination. Bring adventure to your children, let them explore their passions, find their bliss and shape their future. Please support the continuing growth of our community and help make a new library center a reality!

**It's not where we are from, but where we are going. Please join us!**

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