



Town of Amherst Resident Capital Request

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Date Prepared March 4, 2019

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1. **Project Name:** Cherry Hills Golf Course clubhouse upgrade

2. **Estimated Initial Cost(s):** approx. \$ 300,000

3. This Project Is: (Check One):

- New
- Replacing Something
- An Addition or Alteration of Existing

5. How did you Arrive at Cost Estimate (Check One):

- Cost of comparable facility or equipment
- Rule of thumb indicator or unit cost
- Estimate provided by vendor
- Price from lowest qualified bidder
- Preliminary estimate (best guess)
- Other (Please describe in detail in Section 9)

4. Why is this a Priority?

(Check All That Apply):

- Imminent threat to health and safety of citizens, employees, or property
- Requirement of state/federal law
- Improvement of infrastructure
- Improvement or maintenance of productivity
- Improvement of an overburdened situation
- Newly identified need
- Consistency with long-term planning objectives
(i.e. Master Plan, Disability Access Transition Plan, etc.)
- Just a Really Great Idea

6. What is the Estimated Useful Life In Years

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7. What is estimate of timeline?

Task	Start (month/Year)	Finish (month/Year)
Design		
Permitting	_____	_____
Procurement	_____	_____
Constructions/Acquisition	_____	_____
Training	_____	_____
Organization	_____	_____

8. Please Provide Your Best Estimate of Ongoing Costs

Yearly Cost	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
\$ 300,000					
Staff Hours in Dollars					
Maintenance					
Energy use					
Insurance Requirements					

9. Project Description & Justification:

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Amherst has an opportunity to turn around Cherry Hills Golf Course (CHGC). With the closure of Hickory Ridge Golf Club, CHGC will become the only golf course in Amherst and can capitalize on an increase in membership and recreational usage. While the CHGC has had difficulties in balancing its operational budget since the town assumed management, Amherst now has an opportunity to change that.

The course itself is in good condition and is an enjoyable course to play at all recreational levels. However, the clubhouse is woefully inadequate with very limited space, very limited (and uncomfortable) seating areas, no food and limited refreshments. An investment in upgrading the clubhouse would make it destination not for just golfing, but for relaxing and socializing (two things needed at a golf course).

The town should consider the following:

- expansion of the clubhouse
- upgrade in seating suitable for eating, drinking and socializing
- addition of a bar and expansion of refreshments
- partnering with a local restaurant to serve a limited menu
(this helps both the restaurant and the course)

Upgrading the clubhouse would bring additional golfers to the course and the North Amherst Mill area in general to help the new businesses in the area.

Mill Valley Golf Course in Belchertown had upgraded their facilities with a restaurant and bar. They offer very inexpensive memberships to increase the usage of the course but make their profit on the restaurant and bar usage. If Amherst does nothing to upgrade its facilities, it will lose the golfer from Hickory Ridge to Mill Valley and other area courses.

I've been involved with capital projects and UMass and think it would require an investment of at least \$ 300,000. Due to the short notice of the request for input on capital expenditures, I did not have time to do a more in-depth analysis. However, the town could do a preliminary assessment of the design, cost and market analysis. The assessment could be done over the spring/summer and the upgrade could be done at the end of the golf season.

I also serve on the UTAC economic development committee. There are several areas where UMass can engage CHGC to upgrade the course at little or no cost to the town. We have discussed several potential projects that would benefit the course and UMass students (i.e. improved tee boxes, tree pruning, aerial mapping and tree maintenance, etc.) We have scoped out several projects and I intend to pursue these ideas this year. One project could be a market analysis by UMass business school students. Between an upgrade in the clubhouse and course improvements, this can be a profitable turnaround for CHGC and the town.

Jim Capistran
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Amherst



Town of Amherst
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Submitted By: Hilda Greenbaum Date Prepared March 13, 2019

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1. Project Name: North Amherst Library

2. Estimated Initial Cost(s): \$800,000 includes network, architect's fees, repairs to 1893 building...

3. This Project Is: (Check One):
- New
 - Replacing Something
 - An Addition or Alteration of Existing

5. How did you Arrive at Cost Estimate (Check One):
- Cost of comparable facility or equipment
 - Rule of thumb indicator or unit cost
 - Estimate provided by vendor Kuhn-Riddle
 - Price from lowest qualified bidder
 - Preliminary estimate (best guess) - Director Sharry's proposal to JRPC
 - Other (Please describe in detail in Section 9)

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Permitting	<u>Apr 1, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Procurement		
Constructions/Acquisition	<u>Oct 1, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Training		
Organization		

8. Please Provide Your Best Estimate of Ongoing Costs

Yearly Cost	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Staff Hours in Dollars	<u>no change</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Maintenance	<u>no change</u>	<u>maybe easier with less clutter</u>			
Energy use	<u>no change</u>	<u>("green" building)</u>			
Insurance Requirements	<u>unknown</u>				

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Reply to Question 9: **Project Description and Justification**

On behalf of the many friends and patrons of the North Amherst Library, I ask that the improvements to our beloved library—called Scheme C by Kuhn Riddle architects pursuant to the request of Town Meeting for a feasibility study--be placed on the schedule of capital projects and implemented at the very earliest. It is a disgrace that a town building with such heavy use by adults and neighborhood children has neither rest rooms nor handicap accessibility. Worse, the unkempt eyesore between the library and the Mill River could be a magnificent landscaped Village Center, providing public access to the River and the Library. Today its defunct gas station, rusty light poles and poorly screened garage create a Gateway to the Town NOT envisioned in the Master Plan. It is of utmost importance that this ugliness be ameliorated at once.

Scheme C provides not only the essential amenities but also a Community Room sadly lacking in North Amherst since the North Church was sold, as well as more accessible shelving, space for more books and a much less crowded/cluttered area for the librarians to work.

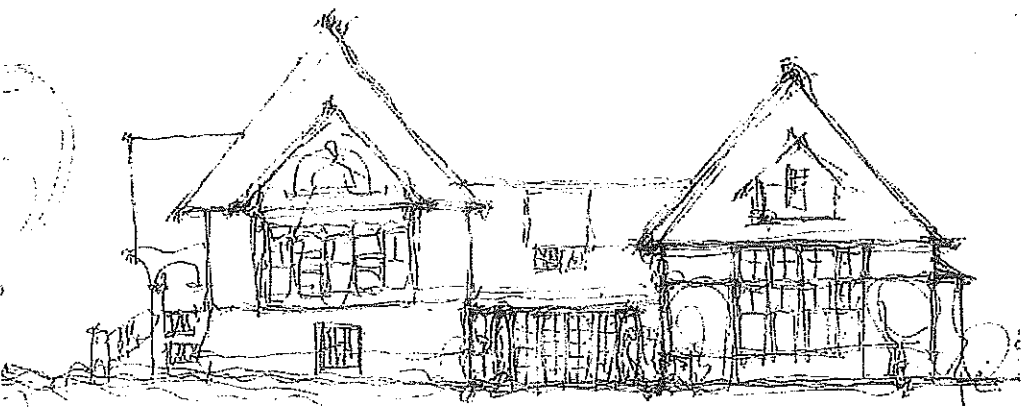
It is very clear from comments made and actions not taken that the Jones Library Trustees take little interest in the branch libraries, especially our library in North Amherst. Long range plans for the branch libraries was on the agenda for a meeting to be held on March 15 at 3 p.m. This meeting was cancelled. At the 8:30 this morning Finance sub-committee meeting North Amherst Library was on the agenda, put there by the Director of Libraries. These were two meetings where the Friends and Patrons could have been present to enlighten the committee; two missed opportunities to hear from us.

The cost of 1540 square feet of new construction ranging from \$385,000 to \$539,000 is minimal in a budget of over \$83,000,000! Moreover, neighbors and patrons have indicated a willingness to raise some of the required funds privately, the amount depending on when building plans can be furnished and approved so that construction can be started, finished, and a new addition opened to the public by next summer.

An Anonymous Trust promises to match all private funds raised provided North Amherst Library Friends and Patrons can reach an amicable agreement with the Town. Please do not look this gift horse—a very serious offer—in the mouth as it is time-limited! Our Friends are getting older and the markets are volatile, what is here today could be gone tomorrow. Need I say more? I am attaching as Page 3 the relevant information about Scheme 3 from the feasibility report.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this proposal. I look forward to our committee meeting with Town Boards and Administration to work out the details of getting the work done.

Hilda Greenbaum



North Amherst Library Study
Scheme C

EAST ELEVATION

KUHN-RIDDLE
ARCHITECTS

Option C – North Entry, Bathrooms, New Library Space

- New entry around east side of Library space.
- Library collection to be moved to new, ground level space. New linear shelf space allows for growth in collection.
- Existing library level converted to meeting room and reading room.
- Stairs and lift located within existing library space.
- Existing fireplace/chimney to be removed.

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**North Amherst Library
Feasibility Study – Task 1**

4 January 2019

Construction Budget Ranges for new construction;

Scheme A – North Entry and Bathrooms

- Total new construction footprint 540 SF
- @ \$250 - \$350/SF = \$135,000 - \$189,000

Scheme B – North Entry, Bathrooms, Meeting Room

- Total new construction footprint 1,080 SF
- @ \$250 - \$350/SF = \$270,000 - \$378,000

Scheme C – North Entry, Bathrooms, New Library Space

- Total new construction footprint 1,540 SF
- @ \$250 - \$350/SF = \$385,000 - \$539,000

Note: Budget ranges do not include costs for existing building renovation or site work



Town of Amherst Resident Capital Request

Submitted By: Toni Cunningham & William Kaizen

Date Prepared February 27, 2019

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1. **Project Name:** Existing Conditions Survey for East Pleasant St. Sidewalk

2. **Estimated Initial Cost(s):** \$50,000

3. This Project Is: (Check One):

- New
- Replacing Something
- An Addition or Alteration of Existing

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Resident Capital Request

Toni Cunningham and William Kaizen

9. Project Description and Justification

A year has passed since we applied to the inaugural JCPC Citizen Capital Request to ask that an existing conditions survey be done as the first step toward building a sidewalk on East Pleasant Street from Olympia Drive to Pine Street. Last year, the JCPC received a handful of citizen requests, all of which asked for money for sidewalks or crosswalks but were referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Since then, the TAC has ranked constructing a sidewalk and/or a buffered bike lane on East Pleasant Street between Olympia Village and Pine Street as its top priority. We are pleased that our proposal for an existing conditions survey has been included in the preliminary version of this year's budget, and want to make sure that it remains in the final budget.

East Pleasant Street between Olympia Drive and Pine Street experiences heavy foot and bicycle traffic and has growing transit ridership with the advent of bus route #33. It is a main artery that links the UMass campus and downtown with North Amherst and Cushman, and has many tributary streets connected to residential neighborhoods that are densely populated with families and students. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists are forced to travel in the narrow shoulder of the road while cars pass at 40-50 mph, and transit riders use the same shoulder. This is particularly hazardous to children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, and even more dangerous at night in the dark gaps between streetlights and in the winter when the shoulder is often filled with ice, snow, sand and gravel. Most families will not allow their children to walk or bike along this stretch of East Pleasant Street even though it provides a direct route to schools and downtown heading south, and Cushman Market, Puffers Pond and Mill River Recreation Area heading north. There have been numerous instances of property damage and injurious crashes along this route, and many residents fear a fatal accident is likely.

With the recent construction of the Pine Street sidewalk, and the planned construction of a sidewalk and improved bus stops between Village Park and Olympia Drive, the section between Olympia Drive and Pine Street is the remaining sidewalk network gap on the north side of town. Residents in the area have been requesting a sidewalk along East Pleasant Street for over forty years. We have heard that in the 1990s town meeting approved funding for such a sidewalk, yet it was never funded. An East Pleasant sidewalk topped the priority list for the Public Works Committee, and was identified as one of the key sidewalk gaps in the 2015 Amherst Transportation Plan. The TAC has recently made building a sidewalk and/or buffered bike lane on East Pleasant Street the top priority of its Amherst Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Prioritization list. This list complements the larger Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan recently developed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in conjunction with the TAC. We have begun gathering signatures of support from abutters and most have shown strong support for this project. In our on-going discussions regarding these issues with DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring, he estimated the cost of this study and told us that it is the first necessary step toward having sidewalks and other much needed improvements along this stretch of East Pleasant Street. Now is the time to finally realize this project!

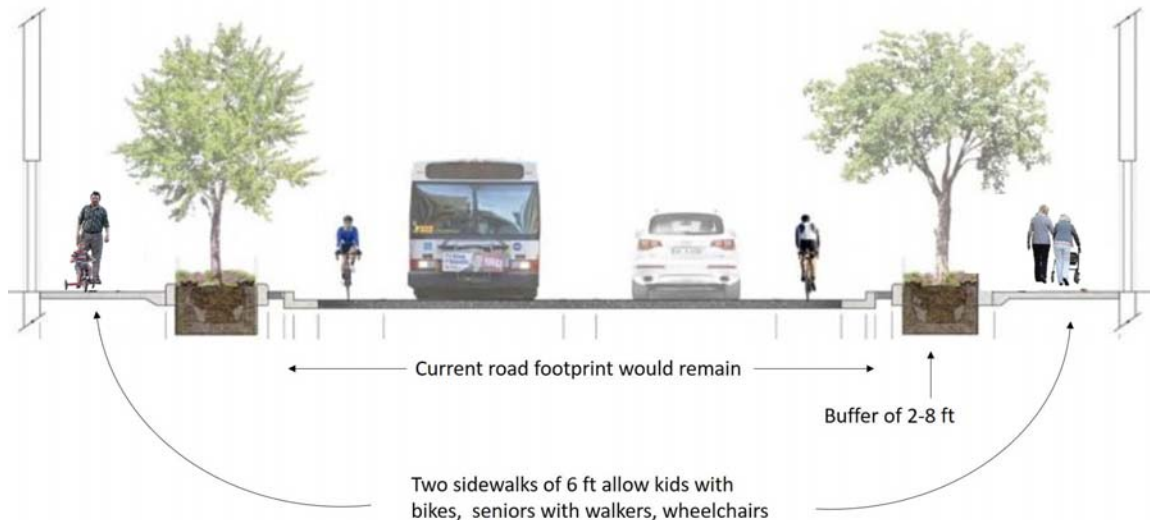
ATTACHMENT: Our design sketch

Note: This is a "blue sky" idea of what the proposed sidewalks and other improvements to East Pleasant Street might look like. We are asking for the study to help the town understand what is actually possible and how best to proceed.

Over the next five years, we would like to see construction of two 6 foot sidewalks, improved bus stops, new streetlights in dark gaps between existing poles, and crosswalks at all East Pleasant bus stops, including one across Pine Street.

Improvements would include:

- Two 6-foot sidewalks. One on each side of the road will provide access for users from neighborhoods on both east and west sides of the street, and ample space for pedestrians, families with small bicyclists, elderly people with walkers, and wheelchair users. The minimum width required for two wheelchair users to pass going in different directions is 5 feet, so this adds a small bit of extra space for shared uses. A buffer will provide additional safety and maintain neighborhood aesthetics, while the variability in its width can help protect most shade trees on either side of the future sidewalks.



- Ideally the street profile would be modified to two 10-foot travel lanes and two 5-foot bicycle lanes. Narrower lanes would help slow traffic to the posted speed limit, and wider bike lanes would improve access and safety for strong commuter and recreational cyclists.
- Improved bus stops, with landing pads linking sidewalks to roadway. This will provide safe and accessible boarding and de-boarding.
- Crosswalks across East Pleasant at all bus stops, and one also across Pine connecting the east-side East Pleasant sidewalk to the Pine Street sidewalk. This will enable bus riders from both sides of the road and tributary streets on both sides to easily access transit, and it will also improve the communication and access between neighborhoods on either side of East Pleasant.
- New streetlights at dark gaps between existing lampposts. This will dramatically improve safety for on-road bicyclists.



Town of Amherst Resident Capital Request

Submitted By: Maria Kopicki & Toni Cunningham

Date Prepared 3-14-19

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1. **Project Name:** Crocker Farm Expansion Analysis Study

2. **Estimated Initial Cost(s):** \$40,000

3. This Project Is: (Check One):

- New
- Replacing Something
- An Addition or Alteration of Existing

5. How did you Arrive at Cost Estimate (Check One):

- Cost of comparable facility or equipment
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- Other (Please describe in detail in Section 9)

4. Why is this a Priority?

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6. What is the Estimated Useful Life In Years

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7. What is estimate of timeline?

Task	Start (month/Year)	Finish (month/Year)
Design		
Permitting		
Procurement	July 1, 2019	Dec 1, 2019
Constructions/Acquisition		
Training		
Organization		

8. Please Provide Your Best Estimate of Ongoing Costs

Yearly Cost	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Staff Hours in Dollars					
Maintenance					
Energy use					
Insurance Requirements					

9. Project Description & Justification:

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The recent proposal by the Superintendent of Schools to consider a consolidation option for our elementary schools potentially involves the expansion of Crocker Farm to house as many as 200 additional students. While the feasibility and cost estimates of other possible components of the proposal are already being explored, there has been no investigation as to whether the Crocker Farm building and site can accommodate these changes and what they would cost. This information will be critical in future decision making as we consider the pros and cons of all our options.

An increased enrollment at Crocker Farm is far more complicated than the simple addition of classrooms. The gymnasium in this school is already half the size that is recommended by the Massachusetts School Building Authority for its current student population. It is also located in the center of the building, without direct access from the exterior, a safety concern particularly for a school facility that is also used as a polling station. The library and cafeteria would also be undersized for a larger student body. The location of the district-wide special education programs is not yet determined but may require space at both schools. Even if 6th grade moves to the middle school, an argument could be made to consider an addition/renovation at Crocker Farm to address concerns raised during the Listening Sessions about the size (absolute and relative) and unevenly updated schools. If Crocker Farm had a more modest enrollment increase to 480 students, the consolidated school could be much smaller, and less expensive, as it would only need to house the remaining 480 students in grades K-5.

Pursuing this study as we await the MSBA's decision about our Statements of Interest would send a clear signal that we are fully committed to investing in our school buildings. Combined with the work of the Fort River School Building Committee Feasibility Study, the Regional Master Use Facility Study, and the Amherst-Pelham Regionalization Planning Board, we will have an excellent basis upon which to discuss the choices before us and be ready to move ahead when we are accepted into the capital pipeline.

A modest request of \$40,000 would cover the necessary designer fees for this preliminary level analysis. A current similar study of the Middle and High Schools costs \$90,000 and those two buildings combined are over 400,000sf whereas the Crocker Farm building is 72,000sf.

Submitted by Janet McGowan, janetmcgowan30@comcast.net. 413-336-2500
March 15, 2019

1. Project name: radar speed control signs for South East Street on each side of the hill by the bike path bridge and blanket speed bumps on both sides of the bike path bridge.
2. Estimated costs: unknown
3. This project is new.
4. Why is this a priority? Imminent threat to safety. Improvement of infrastructure. Consistent with an implements the Master Plan and Bike, Pedestrian and Transit Plan.
5. Don't have an estimate.
6. Don't know.
7. Don't know.
8. Don't know.
9. Project description.

South East Street from the railroad bridge to the South Amherst has a 3 blind hills that hide traffic, a long history of speeding cars and severe accidents (from telephone poles being severed in two, knocked over, multicar accidents, bicyclists being hit and one person killed). People are afraid to walk on the street, bike, run, back out of their driveways and even get their mail. A radar speed control sign showing drivers their actual speed will result in drivers finally slowing down on the narrow, blind hill along this stretch, hopefully near the bike path bridge. The temporary radar sign has worked to slow traffic but a week or two every year or so is inadequate. The fire chief has said it is not safe for trucks to stop at the top of the hill and many police officers have said this blind hill is especially unsafe.

Blanket speed bumps on both sides of the bike path bridge will slow traffic down, reduce accidents and along walkers and bikers cross from the bike path to Mill Lane. It also will slow traffic down making it safer for cars on Mill Lane to turn onto South East Street.

Submitted by Janet McGowan, janetmcgowan30@comcast.net. 413-336-2500
March 15, 2019

1. Project name: new sidewalks from Valley View Drive to South Amherst Common
 2. Estimated costs: unknown
 3. This project replaces old sidewalks.
 4. Why is this a priority? Imminent threat to safety. Improvement of infrastructure.
Consistent with an implements the Master Plan and Bike, Pedestrian and Transit Plan.
- Project description.

The existing old sidewalks are deeply cracked, have heaves, in parts are covered with mud, have standing water and ice in cold weather. Combined with a lack of yearly maintenance of vegetation and over growth of poison ivy and weeds, the sidewalks are dangerous to anyone using them, especially older people, anyone in a wheelchair, walker or stroller –and everyone using them at night. Parts of the sidewalk are very and unnecessarily high and impeding views of on-coming cars to residents backing out of their driveway. Anyone on a bike hoping to avoid South East Street's many speeding cars have a rough ride on the sidewalks. They are long overdue for repair.



**Town of Amherst
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Submitted By: Merrylees (Molly) Turner

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1. Project Name: North Amherst Library Access Project

2. Estimated Initial Cost(s): \$750,000 (total)

3. This Project is: (Check One):

- New
- Replacing Something
- An Addition or Alteration of Existing

5. How did you Arrive at Cost Estimate (Check One):

- Cost of comparable facility or equipment
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- Estimate provided by vendor *FEASIBILITY STUDY*
- Price from lowest qualified bidder
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- Other (Please describe in detail in Section 9)
OTHER SIDE

4. Why is this a Priority?

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Patricia Holland, in her "History of a New England Village Library," notes "The center of North Amherst is marked by a church (1826), a school, (1870) and the library, (1893)... What is it in the human spirit that makes such institutions possible? They do not make money, they only sustain the soul."

The North Amherst Library needs a friend. Many friends. While the Jones Library Trustees advocates for a new building with many bells and whistles in the center of town the poor cousin in the north part of town goes without. Without toilets or handicap access, or adequate open hours. These needs have existed for decades.

The North Amherst Library is a significant town asset and beloved treasure. The Trustees have made it clear that they will not provide funds for this building because they do not own it. That leaves the residents of North Amherst with an unfunded needy building with no one to advocate for it except its patrons. Out in the cold.

The demand for library services there is large and will grow. The heroic librarians work very hard for a devoted patronage that increases in numbers. That demand will grow like Topsy as the Beacon project begins to rent apartments.

It is unconscionable and perhaps unlawful that the town has allowed this facility to neglect the needs of the library for toilets and handicap access.

Improving access to North Amherst Library is more sustainable environmentally than increasing traffic in the center of town.



Town of Amherst Resident Capital Request

Submitted By: Nicola Usher

Date Prepared 02/27/2019

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1. **Project Name:** Pine street sidewalk

2. **Estimated Initial Cost(s):** unknown

3. This Project Is: (Check One):

- New
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Need for Sidewalk on South side of Pine Street

There is currently no safe way for pedestrians to cross from the South side of Pine Street (from Co-housing down to light at North Pleasant). Those of us on Harris Street or on Pine west of the cross walk that was installed as part of the Pine street improvement have to wait for a lull in traffic to dart across the busy street. It is not safe and with lots of kids and dogs in this area it is really problematic. I often need to cross Pine with a six year old and/or dog and while I understand why a cross-walk at Harris and Pine is not possible, an adequate solution would be to add sidewalk on the Harris side of the street so there is a safe way to walk to the North Amherst intersection to cross at the light. Plus this would give children a safe space to stand and wait for school busses – currently with no sidewalk our kids have to stand in the road or on a private lawn. With snow this forces us to be out in the road on Harris street which is dangerous when cars go by. Those of us living on Harris street and this section of Pine with no crosswalk or sidewalk desperately need a safe way to navigate Pine street and the addition of a strip of sidewalk here would provide that. I do not know the costs for a sidewalk but imagine it is more than 10K.

Thank you.

Nicola Usher