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PRESS RELEASE:

Scituate Town Library Receives \$5 Million Library Construction Provisional Grant for Addition and Renovation!

Scituate Town Library is the recipient of a General Construction Provisional Grant totaling \$4,985,480 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). The Grant will assist with the cost of construction of a renovation and expansion of the current building. Scituate Town Library also plans to obtain the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification which will qualify the library to receive additional \$100,000 in state funding through the Green Library incentive. The grant is part of the MBLC's Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) which helps libraries across the state meet the growing demand for library services with expanded and improved library facilities. During the next nine months, Scituate and the seven other provisional grant recipients will work within their communities to gain the local match funding necessary to move forward with the grant.

The expanded family-friendly facility will be a modern, accessible, quiet, energy efficient, comfortable, easily maintained, well-lit, and inviting library designed to cater to the community's library, informational, and meeting room needs for the next twenty years. Parking, including handicapped parking, will be sufficient for the busiest times, well lighted, accessible and easily maneuvered by both vehicles and pedestrians. Preliminary plans and conceptual schematic drawings are on display in the library, and on the library website at www.scituate townlibrary.org.

Funding for the MPLCP was authorized by Governor Deval Patrick and the Legislature in the General Governmental Needs Bond Bill, signed by the Governor on August 11, 2008. The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program was first funded in 1987. Since then the program has assisted nearly two hundred communities in building new libraries or in renovating and expanding existing libraries. For more information about the MBLC's Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program please visit the MBLC's website at mass.gov/mblc.

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