



# **TUCKER FREE LIBRARY**

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## **ARCHITECTURAL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**ARCHITECT QUALIFICATIONS**

**SEPT. 28, 2018**

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# Tuftonboro Free Library

## Preliminary Building Renderings



THE CARRIAGE HOUSE  
30 S. MAIN ST., BUILDING TWO  
CONCORD, NH 03301  
603.228.8880



Proposed Tuftonboro Free Library





September 28th, 2018

Tucker Free Library  
31 Western Ave, P.O. Box 688  
Henniker, NH 03242  
603.763.5803

RE: Tucker Free Library — Architectural Feasibility Study



Firm Name: Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, Inc.  
DBA: SMP Architecture  
Type of Organization: Corporation, Taxpayer ID number: 02-0503207  
Senior Staff: Eric Palson AIA NH #2359, MA #6625, VT #80392  
Jason LaCombe AIA NCARB LEED AP, NH #3549, VT #2676, MA#951462  
Nature of Business: Full service architectural firm working throughout northern New England with a focus on New Hampshire and Vermont.  
**Services include:** architectural design, facility programming, feasibility studies, campus & master planning, historical preservation, interior design, and code / ADA compliance review.  
Time in Business: 33 years total; 18 years in current corporate structure  
Office Location: 30 South Main Street, Building 2, Concord NH  
Principal Contact: Jason LaCombe AIA Email: jlacombe@sheerr.com  
Phone: 603.228.8880

Thank-you so much for this opportunity to provide you a snapshot of our firm's past library projects and qualifications. I would like to express our interest in your project and our availability to meet your anticipated timeline. We have several library projects that directly relate to yours and because of this we have a clear understanding of your anticipated needs and extensive knowledge of various library requirements.

We have engaged with many of our NH Communities and public libraries helping them with needs analysis, programming, and design thru construction. Several of which have been adaptive re-use or renovations to historic buildings.

We hope to show you how our availability, organizational skills, follow through and attention to detail make SMP Architecture a premier design partner for your project.

*I hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and correct, and that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the business set out above.*

Signed:  

Jason LaCombe ■ Architect  
Principal ■ President

## **Section 1: Exhibit A**

Tucker Free Library Board of Trustees RFQ: 8/27/2018

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **QUALIFICATION FORM TUCKER FREE LIBRARY Architectural Feasibility Study**

Company Name: Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture, Inc. DBA: SMP Architecture

Address: 30 South Main Street, Building 2, Concord NH, 03301

Telephone Number: 603.228.8880

Contact Person: Jason LaCombe

E Mail: jlacombe@sheerr.com

#### Design Professionals:


Professional Architect: Jason LaCombe, SMP Architecture

Structural Engineering Service: Paul Sbacchi, TF Moran

Elevator Service: T.B.D. based on unit selected

Mechanical/HVAC Engineering Service: Richard Parks, WV Engineering

Other: Kevin Leonard, Northpoint Engineering,  
Civil services

Signature: 

Printed Name: Jason LaCombe

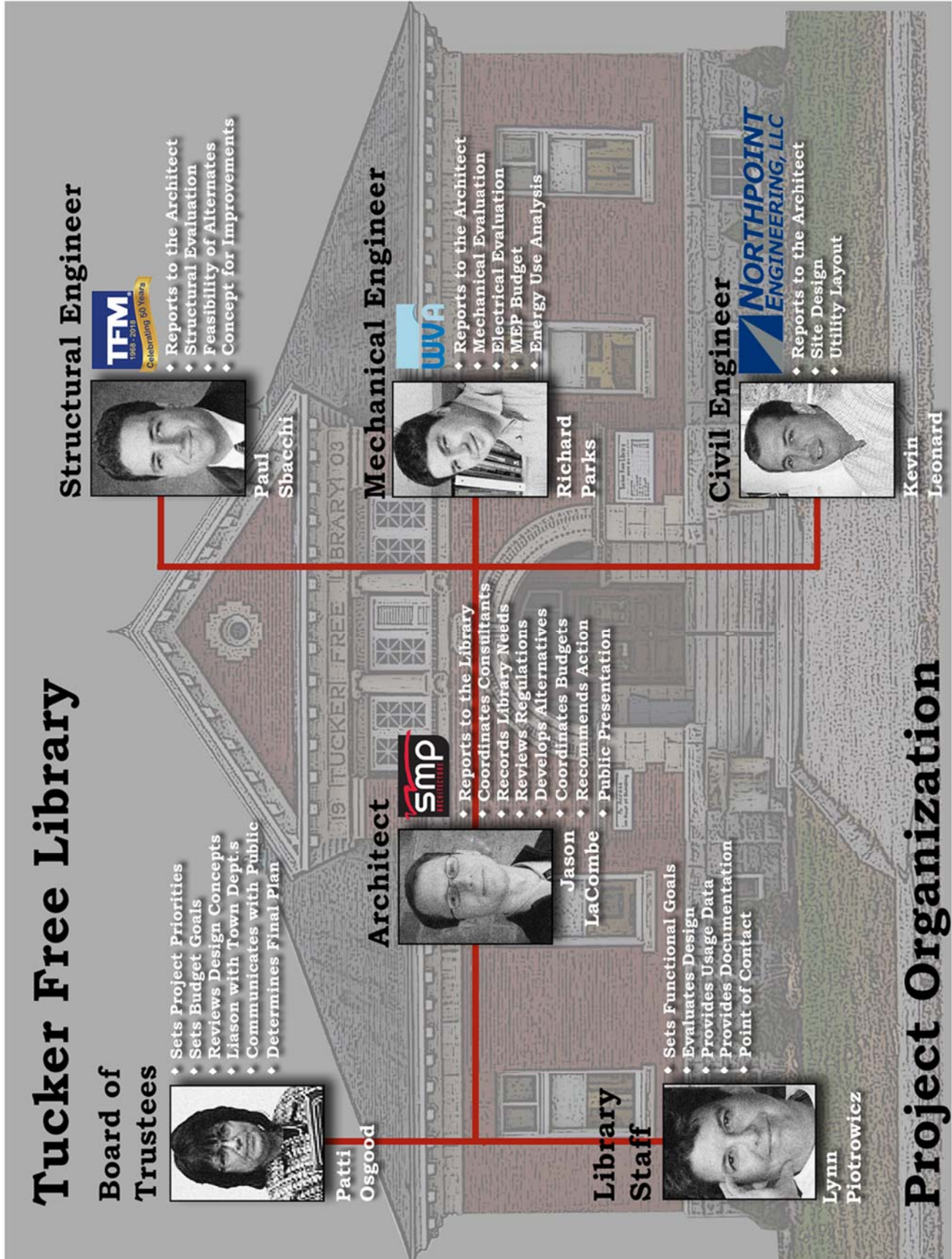
Date: 9/26/2018

**This bid must be signed by a person authorized to legally bind the bidder.**





## Section 2: Organizational Chart



## **Section 3: Project Approach**

Our approach to your project: the library is a great building that needs a little thoughtful help. While it appears at first glance to be a straightforward technical fix, the elevator upgrade needs to be considered in the context of how you use the library today and in the future. The historic aspect of the building and an appropriate response to that reality will also weigh in as a constraint. We also set as our own goal, which you no doubt share, that the finished alteration should be well integrated, enhance the character of the building without compromise, and function to unlock full use of the facility, while meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

When we undertake a project of this nature, our approach is to work from the general to the specific. We will work with you to refine the broad parameters first; space programming, project goals, and needs.

So how would we proceed? First, we will examine the patient; take the plans provided and verify that what they show is accurate. Photograph key areas. Then create an electronic CAD-based set of plans that will form the basis for further design exploration.

When we have the facts in hand, we shall meet with you to re-affirm your priorities just as we are starting the evaluation of the options. You will have multiple goals, and while they are not necessarily mutually exclusive, they will likely compete for your finite resources. It is important for us to understand the ranking you put to such considerations as:

- Smooth operation of the library
- Visual control of the spaces
- Cost, initial and ongoing
- Harmony with the existing building
- Public opinion
- Impact during construction







## Project Approach cont.

We are not belaboring this point unnecessarily—mismatched goals are where the design process can go off the rails. It is well worthwhile to make sure we are all pulling in the same direction.

At the same time, some requirements may not be uppermost in your minds, but are inflexible requirements nonetheless. This applies to both code-related items, such as the quantity, size and configuration of the toilet rooms, required egress from the community room, and to standards set by the Secretary of the Interior for historic renovations.



The physical design problem of how to layout the new rooms and where to locate the elevator will be undertaken with ongoing feedback from you and input, as needed, from our consultant team who will evaluate the relative feasibility of various options. We anticipate multiple reasonable options will need to be explored with you to arrive at the ideal approach. We will document the concept to the point that it becomes an effective tool for developing the project budget, namely noted plans and elevations. We expect to create the “raw materials“ including three dimensional computer models, video tours of the proposal, and large scale color graphics visible in a town-wide gathering. We have many examples of these from previous efforts that we would be happy to share.

Additionally we will talk to key vendors, such as elevator companies to refine the proposed concept.

Finally, public library projects can be a challenge to balance the Trustees goals with the staff needs, the political scene against the funding realities, engaging the public while solving the design problem. At SMP, we thrive on this balancing act and the interaction with the staff, patrons and the greater community. The twists and turns in the process challenge us and hold our concepts to a higher standard. This ultimately yields a better design solution with greater value to the town.



**We stand by the idea that the digital age will not end the need for the community library, though it will cause it to evolve.**



## Section 4: Firm Capacity / Profile



**The Carriage House, home of SMP Architecture**

Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture Inc., dba SMP Architecture, specializes in high quality, custom designed, residential, municipal, commercial and institutional projects. Founded in 1983, our firm continues to garner recognition for outstanding community projects and enjoys an excellent reputation for delivering high quality buildings and providing personal service. We combine the unique ability to get the most value for our clients' dollars with professionalism and a detail oriented design sophistication.

We are committed to buildings that fit their settings, are thoughtfully designed and are energy efficient environments that will serve their owners for decades to come. We do this through an inclusive team approach to our overall project management system. Ultimately this is what keeps our clients happy and informed sparing them anxiety and saving time and money.

You will see from this qualification package that SMP has significant experience working with our clients in proactive engaging ways. An open dialogue shows a rigorous due-diligence process to the community, builds consensus around the project and yields positive support when it comes time to vote. This dialogue begins with the high level planning of the project, its site, and your needs and extends through the technical details and construction process.

STAFF	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT PHASE
<b>Jason</b>	Boscawen residence	Design
	Phenix Hall music venue	Preliminary Design / Planning
	Merrimack County Courthouse	Fundraising
	New Hampton Community Church	Schematic Design / Fundraising
	Barrington Public Library	Schematic Design / Fundraising
<b>Anthony</b>	The Hotel Concord	Under Construction
	Warner Fire Dept	Under Construction
	Exeter Public Library	Schematic Design - Municipal Approvals
	Tuftonboro Public Library	Schematic Design - Municipal Approvals
<b>Eric</b>	Flagg Hill Winery and Distillery	Historic Preservation Planning / Conceptual Design

Currently on-staff we have two licensed Architects, one Project Manager, one project support staff and one office manager. Being a small New Hampshire based firm each of our staff wear a number of hats and all participate in each project we are engaged in. More specifically above is a list of projects that were involved in, and the phases they're at.



## Our Firm's Values

### **Sustainability:**

Environmental Stewardship is a core value for SMP Architecture. We incorporate sustainable thinking throughout the design and construction process with the goal of delivering a high performance building that creates a healthy environment to live, work and learn in. We select construction materials that offer the highest degree of sustainability by their superior recycling characteristics, reduced negative impact on the environment, energy efficiency, low maintenance, and reduced life cycle costs.

SMP is a long standing member of the USGBC and led the design effort on the second Gold rated building in NH, the Audubon headquarters here in Concord.



### **Communication:**

Open communication is inherent in our daily work environment and naturally extends to our consultant team, our clients and their communities. We diligently present your project to the committee and interested parties through 3D renderings, colorful images, public appearances and simple clear language.

Please see our "Engage the Public" Page for more information on how we clearly and effectively communicate your needs, goals and vision through our design.



### **Preservation:**

New Hampshire, and northern New England, has an extensive array of historic buildings and SMP is proud to be a part of restoring, revitalizing and rehabilitating many of them. We are proud members of the NH Historical Preservation Alliance and assist many private property owners, churches and municipalities with Historical Assessment Reports and sympathetic restoration of their buildings. We frequently reference their guiding document: *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*



# ERIC PALSON ■ ARCHITECT

SENIOR ARCHITECT ■ IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Eric has been a registered architect since 1986, designing a wide range of commercial, institutional and residential projects. He is licensed in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. His verbal and drawing skills can be called upon to create special presentations for groups or for fundraising. Eric was the President of the NH Chapter of American Institute of Architects in 2004. Reach Eric directly by email at epalson@sheerr.com or call 228-8880 where there is an even chance he will pick up the telephone.

## EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S.A.D. 1978;  
University of California at Berkeley, M. Arch. 1980

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

SHEERR McCRYSTAL PALSON ARCHITECTURE, INC.

Concord NH

1995—Present

BROOK DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., Concord NH 1992-1995:

Associates, responsible for all aspects of project implementation.

Most significant projects; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NH Headquarters, Manchester, NH; Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord, NH.

BENJAMIN THOMPSON ASSOCIATES, INC. Cambridge, MA, 1985-1991:

Associate, responsible for architectural and urban planning projects.

Most significant projects: Harvard University School of Continuing Education, Cambridge, MA; Royal Victoria Dock Redevelopment Masterplan, London, UK. Selected as AIA national firm of the year in 1987.

OFFICE OF TIMOTHY LAPUT, Canton, MA, 1985:

Job Captain, 180 unit condominium project in Peabody, MA.

OFFICE OF MICHAEL ROSENFELD, Concord, MA, 1983-1985:

Job Captain, responsible for residential and small institutional design/build projects. Participated in successful application for Architectural Record House award in 1984.

THE BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL CENTER, Boston, MA 1983-1984:

Design studio instructor.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee, WI, 1980-1983:

Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture, responsible for design studio instruction and drawing courses. Director of the London Studies Program in 1983. Writer/Producer for instructional videos on the history of perspective and the future of architectural practice.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, Berkeley, CA, 1980:

Adjunct Professor at the College of Environmental Design.



## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, AIA  
New Hampshire Chapter: Past President

KIMBALL JENKINS SCHOOL OF ART  
(Former) Board of Trustees

CAPITOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
(Former) Board of Trustees

CONCORD AREA TRUST FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING  
Board of Trustees

REGISTRATION:  
New Hampshire #2359  
Massachusetts #6625  
Vermont #80392





# JASON LACOMBE ■ ARCHITECT

PRINCIPAL ■ PRESIDENT

Jason maintains a commitment to quality design, sustainability, and effective project management built throughout his years in both architecture and construction management. His uncommon skills and experience allow for involvement in all construction activities. Jason's pragmatic approach and collaborative nature enhance the SMP tradition of teamwork with owners and builders.

## EDUCATION

PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY, B Arch 1998

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SHEERR McCRYSTAL PALSON ARCHITECTURE, INC.

Concord NH

JASON LACOMBE—ARCHITECT, Hopkinton, NH 2011:

Self-Employed Architect focusing on client service and integrated design solutions through the process of architectural exploration and collaborative efforts with builders, artists, craftsmen and other design professionals.

WARRENSTREET ARCHITECTS INC. Concord, NH, 2007-2011:

Architect primarily responsible for residential and community based projects.

Most significant projects: South Cove Activity Center at Eastman, Grantham, NH; Claremont Community Center, Claremont, NH;

Building on Hope, Krol House, Manchester, NH

BREADLOAF CORPORATION, Middlebury, VT, 2005-2007:

Assistant Project Manager working on large scale construction management projects. Primary responsibilities include coordination detailing, LEED Project Management, change management, and conflict resolution. Served as liaison between the construction team and project architects.

Most significant projects: Williams College Paresky Center, Polshek Partnership; Mars Education Center at Fort Ticonderoga, Tonnetti Associates.

BREADLOAF CORPORATION, Middlebury, VT, 1998-2005:

Project architect and team leader, directly responsible for profitable execution of successful designs created and carried out in an integrated design-build environment.

Most significant projects: East Academic Building at Landmark College, Putney, VT; Pelham Municipal Center, Pelham, NH; Ferrisburgh Grange Hall, Ferrisburgh, VT.



## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:

NCARB Certified

LEED Accredited Professional

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
New Hampshire

BOARD MEMBER  
Former Concord 2020  
Capital Region Habitat for  
Humanity  
The Friends Program

COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Municipal Operations  
Improvement  
Committee, Town of Hopkinton  
Fire Station Committee,  
Town of Hopkinton

## REGISTRATION:

Massachusetts #951462

New Hampshire #03549

Vermont #2676

# ANTHONY MENTO ■ Assoc. AIA

## PROJECT MANAGER

Anthony brings a unique background as a former small business owner, hands-on tinkerer and arts collaborator. He has specialized knowledge of mechanical / plumbing systems and installation, BIM and state-of-the-art CAD systems. Here at SMP, he has over fifteen years' experience in providing management skill and design creativity to our key projects. His dedication, outgoing nature and special skill for connecting with a wide range of people has also put him in top demand with our clients *and* our contractor colleagues. By virtue of these qualities, Anthony has recently taken on job development among his other duties.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### SHEERR McCRYSTAL PALSON ARCHITECTURE, INC.

Concord NH 2013-Present

Project Manager

Significant Projects:

Hotel Concord, Belknap County Community Corrections, Warner Fire Station

#### KPMB ENTERPRISES LLC. Mechanical Contractor

Bow, NH 2011-2012

Project design & construction oversight for the mechanical & plumbing systems of three new state-of-the-art elementary schools for the City of Concord NH.

#### SHEERR McCRYSTAL PALSON ARCHITECTURE, INC.

New London, NH, 2000-2011

Senior Designer / Project Manager

Significant Projects:

Sullivan County Community Corrections, Meredith Fire Department, Meredith, NH, Red River Theatre at Capital Commons, Concord, NH, AG Edwards & Sons at Capital Commons, Concord, NH, Sulloway & Hollis Counselors of Law, Concord, NH, Capitol Center for the Arts, theater, Concord, NH, American Red Cross Concord Chapter, Concord, NH, Concord Community Music School, Concord, NH, Farwell Block historical renovation, Claremont, NH

#### COVERED BRIDGE FRAME & GALLERY

Contoocook, New Hampshire 1990-2000

Owner operator of a successful small business for ten years. Displaying fine art and providing custom picture framing in historic village center. Represented 45 artists with 6 gallery shows per year. Designed award-winning archival picture frames and custom presentations. Sold concern in 2000 for new adventures.

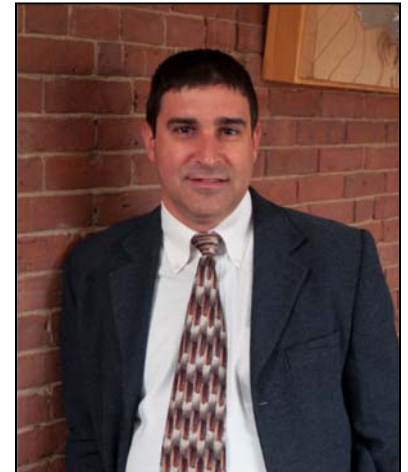
#### Achievements:

2016 Leadership greater Concord.

Completed the AIA + 2030 Professional Series

The New Hampshire Union Leader-40 Under Forty Award: up-and-coming community leaders

MSF Certified Motorcycle Rider Coach



### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:

Associate AIA  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
New Hampshire

### COMMITTEE MEMBER

MAIN STREET CONCORD  
Inc.

CHAIRMAN: ODD  
FELLOWS BUILDING  
COMMITTEE

WARNER NH SMART  
GROWTH  
PLAN NH  
WARNER EXIT 9  
REDEVELOPMENT

OPEN STUDIO



**Anthony Costello ■ Project Support**

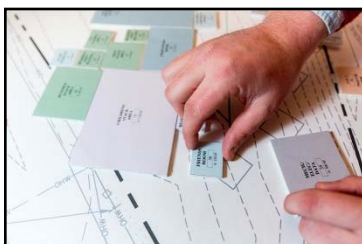
Anthony is the most recent addition to SMP Architecture. He is a licensed Civil Engineer working in the field for 23 years. He has vast experience, positive attitude and team oriented nature has been a wonderful addition to our studio.



**Andrea Druke ■ Office Manager**

Andrea has been serving as office manager and bookkeeper since 1996 . Andrea keeps our firm on course, reminding us of our roots and our mission and making sure we hopeless architect-types toe the damned line. She is not above wagging a finger at us when necessary. And of course she remembers every project and knows where absolutely everything is.

Andrea grew up on her family's (5<sup>th</sup> generation) dairy farm in Vermont and brings that same no-nonsense attitude to work at SMP. If it's broke, she will fix it, animate or inanimate. Where would we be without Andrea? We would have to ask her to be sure...





## **Section 5: Quality Control**

Quality control begins with maintaining a thread of knowledge throughout the entire project from the beginning to end. By having two SMP staff involved from the kickoff meeting, discussions of the wants and needs, through conceptual design and development of the construction documentation. All the way through construction administration and the opening of the building. Our availability and awareness of when the big decision was made and why, reduces the chance of errors and omissions.

We utilize a proven project management process that engages the decision makers while communicating to the entire design team. Using project templates, checklists and a file structure that maintains orderly document management and a free flow of information back and forth.

Finally, over our 33 years and sixteen libraries we have experienced the changes in their use and believe we understand the modern function and space requirements.

Eric Palson and Jason LaCombe will be leading the work for SMP and will be your primary contacts for the design team. Both are available to meet your projects schedule and satisfy the project goals.



Eric joined the firm in 1995. Following the passing of Clinton Sheerr in 1997, he served as the Owner and President until 2017. Eric remains an integral part of the firms leadership and culture, setting design direction and mentoring to younger staff. He has been an architect since 1986, and has been designing projects in Northern New England since 1991, with special concentration on Municipal and non-profit clients. He was formerly an associate with Benjamin Thompson Associates in Cambridge, MA, and a professor at three architectural colleges. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California, Berkeley.

Jason joined SMP Architecture as principal in 2011 and is now the Owner and President of the Firm. He brings over 19 years of practical experience as an architect and construction manager. His unique experience brings a pragmatic approach to design, based on sustainable building principles and guided by collaborative efforts with the client and builder.



We work in an open studio and involve our entire staff on every project. They enrich your project through their diverse backgrounds, design sensitivity and expertise. Most have practical field construction and business experience. The breadth and depth of this entrepreneurial experience translates into practical creative solutions that are the hallmark of our practice.



## Section 6: Firm's Litigation History

SMP does not have any pending litigation or binding arbitration with any client or others.

## Section 7: Professional Liability

SHEER-1 OP ID: SS

**ACORD** **CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE** DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
07/26/2018

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

For professional liability coverage, the aggregate limit is the total insurance available for all covered claims presented within the policy period. The limit will be reduced by payments of indemnity and expenses.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER  for proposal use only	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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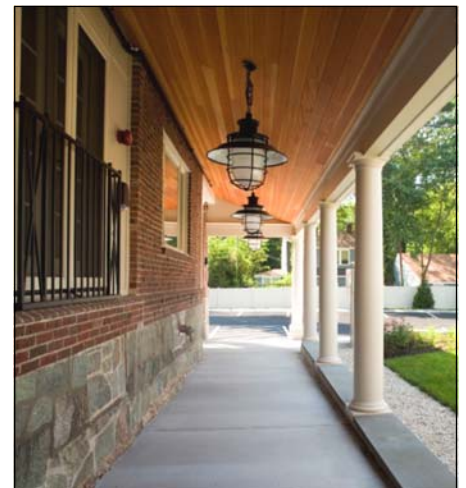




**Durham Public Library**  
Durham, New Hampshire

The Durham Public Library is a major addition to an existing 1920's era residence on the edge of Downtown. While primarily a new facility our design incorporates the residence for a local history room, office areas for the Friends of the Library and a café style reading area. The entire building composition was pulled together through a south-side porch that fulfilled several functions. It provided sun shading. Allowed long gradual ramps, under cover, to make the library wheelchair accessible. It formed a welcoming entrance, and it provided an attractive outdoor reading area. The orientation also supported our clients strong desire for a solar panel installation—part of a town-wide solar project.

Date Completed: June 2013  
Building size: 12,500 SF  
Cost per SF: \$256  
Const. Cost: \$3.2 million  
Construction: Slab-on grade, wood framing  
Contractor: Bauen



*"Yesterday I drove by the library and was struck by how well the addition appears to integrate with the original building, and with how comfortably it sits on the site."*

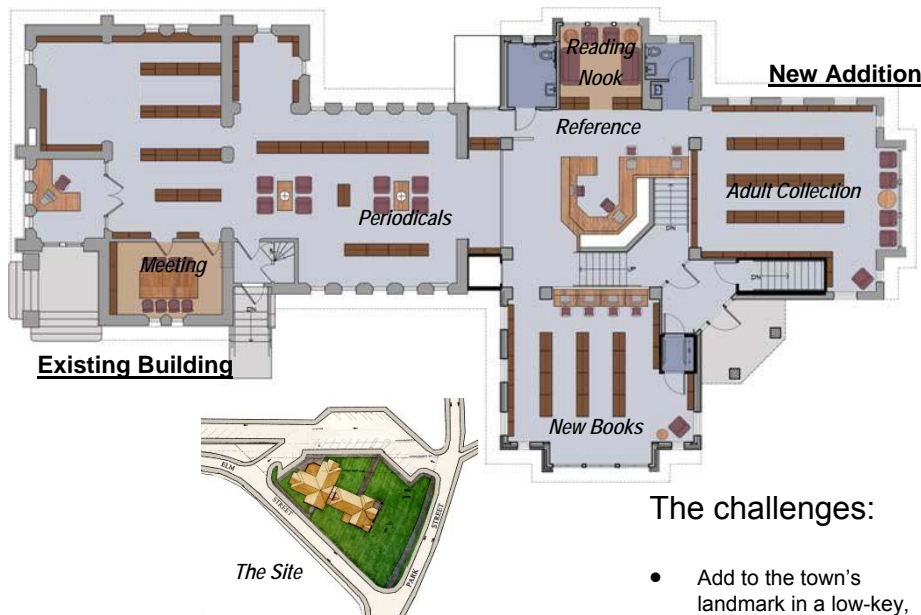
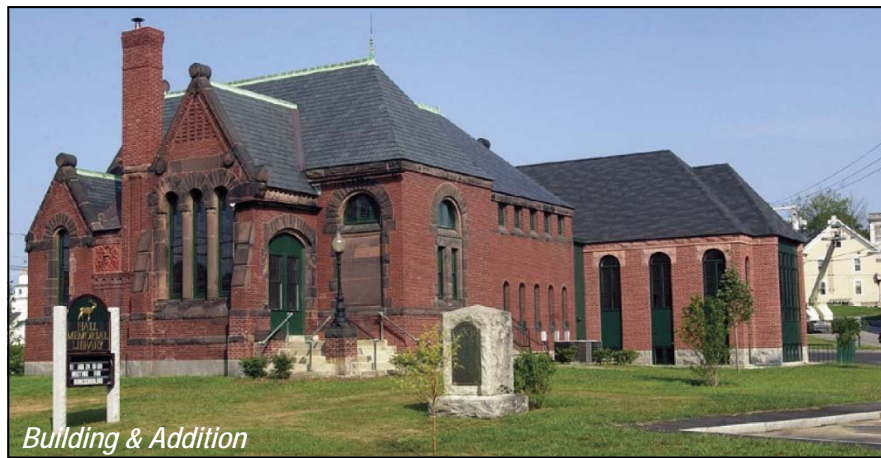
**Robin Mower, Town Councilor Durham, NH**



## Hall Memorial Library

Northfield, New Hampshire

The original library was brick and brownstone Queen Anne style gem built to serve the two towns of Tilton and Northfield in 1885. The structure was little changed over the years, and was much beloved by the community. It had a strong and distinctive face that had become a local landmark. Unfortunately the building was tiny, with about 2000 usable square feet and a largely dysfunctional mechanical system. It was also shoehorned onto a triangular site, originally a sort of traffic island, now sharing access, drop-off and parking with the nearby elementary school.



### The challenges:

- Add to the town's landmark in a low-key, manner.
- Tripling the available space on no land.
- Provide complete accessibility.
- Solve the traffic snarl between the library patrons, parents and school buses.
- Passing two sets of reviews and two town meetings in the towns of Tilton & Northfield, for funding.



Date Completed: Spring 2001

Building size: 7,500 SF

Cost per SF: \$180

Const. Cost: \$1.4 million

Construction: Steel frame w/ metal stud infill, brick clad exterior

Contractor: Bauen Corporation

***"The old and new sections of the building are so well integrated both inside and out. The first thing visitors comment on is the seamlessness of the space. You respected our wishes from the beginning, helped us get the package passed, saw us through many changes and voila!, designed us a beautiful library."***

***~Mary Ahlgren, Librarian***



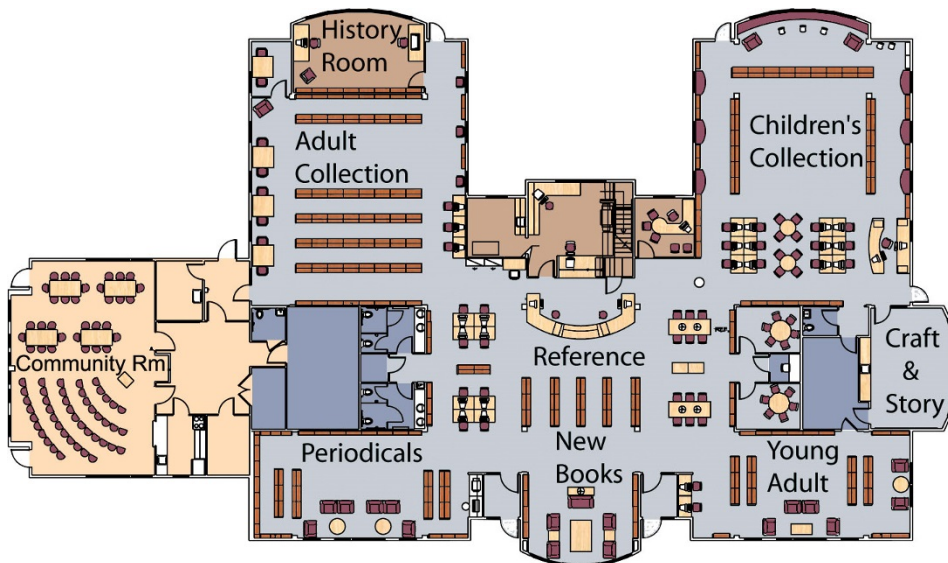


## Plaistow Public Library

Plaistow, New Hampshire

The trustees of this small town library had purchased a farmer's field adjacent to Main Street. We were charged to come up with a new library building to replace their woefully inadequate and non-accessible library. They asked us to consider the following:

- A building that "looked like a library".
- A relatively open plan with good visual control from a central circulation desk.
- Isolation of children's area from adult areas.
- Space to accommodate twenty year's worth of anticipated growth.
- An attached meeting room that could have independent operating hours.
- Good natural light.
- A very low-maintenance exterior.
- An exterior sympathetic to the nearby 19th century buildings along Main Street.
- A convenient, out-of-the-weather drop-off for buses and older patrons.
- A total project budget under \$2 million.



Date Completed: Summer 2000

Building size: 15,000 SF

Cost per SF: \$96

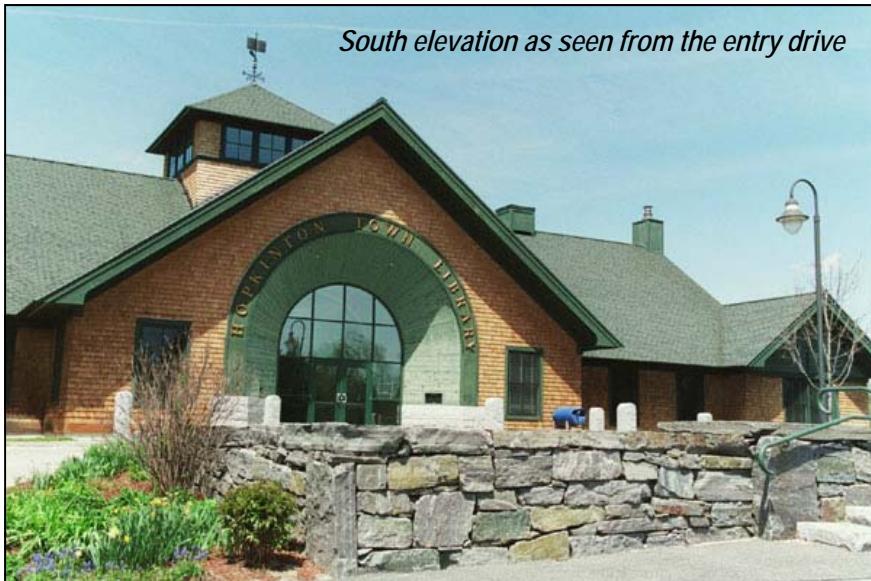
Const. Cost: \$1.44 million

Project Cost: \$1.9 million with site, furnishings & equipment.

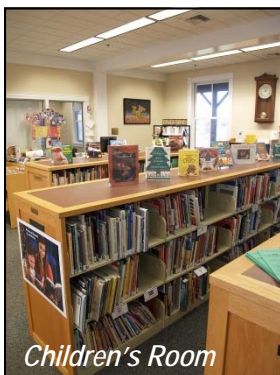
Construction: Slab-on grade, steel frame, wood truss and stud walls.

Contractor: Bauen Corporation





*South elevation as seen from the entry drive*



*Children's Room*



*Porch Chairs*

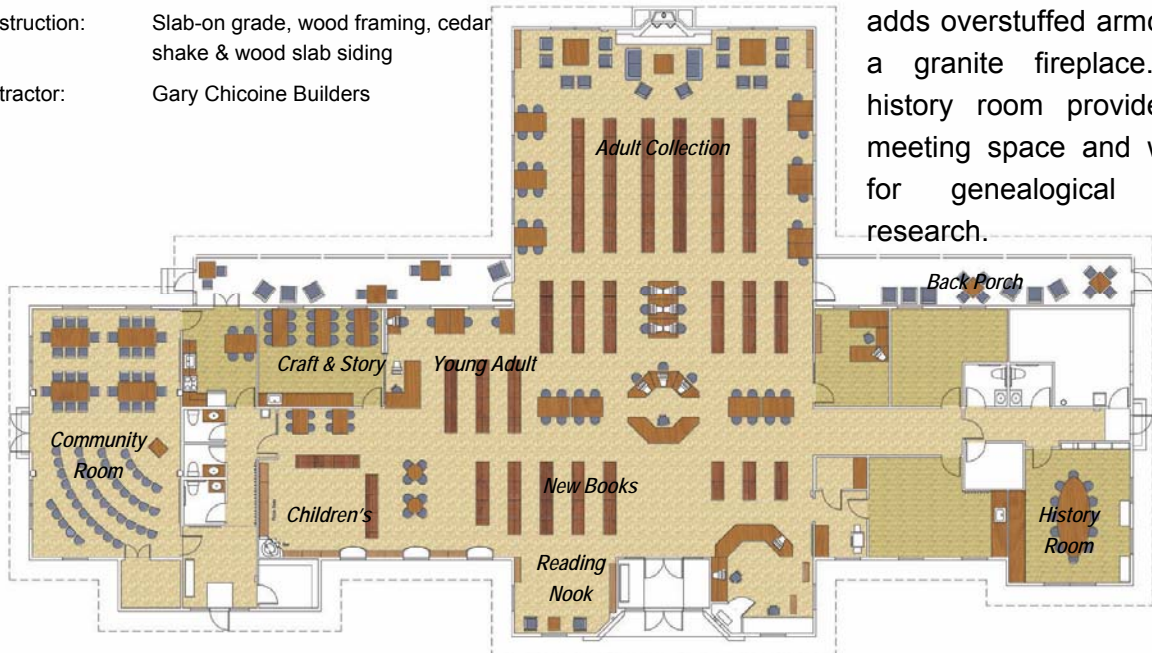
- Date Completed: Spring 1998
- Building size: 10,000 SF
- Cost per SF: \$130
- Const. Cost: \$1.3 million
- Construction: Slab-on grade, wood framing, cedar shake & wood slab siding
- Contractor: Gary Chicoine Builders

## Hopkinton Library

Contoocook, New Hampshire

We were asked to design a new 10,000 sf library for the farm property in Contoocook village. Our challenge was to find a building form that was responsive to this handsome rural site, a 19th century farm complex, while still communicating the image of a library. The library also needed to have a real presence from the distance. Local granite, cedar shingles and rustic slab siding help tie the building to its agricultural neighbors.

The library features independent entries for a 100 seat community meeting room, library patrons and staff. Screened porches allow visitors to read on Adirondack chairs overlooking acres of meadow land. A large cupola brings daylight to the center of the building. The children's area has a separate craft/quiet study room and puppet theater. The adult area adds overstuffed armchairs around a granite fireplace. The local history room provides additional meeting space and work stations for genealogical and town research.







**Rockingham Free Public Library  
Bellows Falls, Vermont**

This renovation and restoration project focused on accessibility throughout the Historic, 1909 building and successive additions. Our solution was a rooftop addition that allows a new elevator and stair to connect all levels in the building and reorganizing the interior to maximize views from the staff. We also developed ways to increase efficiency with the mechanical system, add insulation and reorganize the overall interior layout. These new systems and insulation were designed in a way to minimize changes to the historic elements of the interior. Major interior features had been removed in previous renovations, our design solution brings them back to the building as closely as possible based on historic photos.



*Main Level*



*Rendering*

Date Completed: Sept. 2013

Building size: 17,100 SF

Cost per SF: \$150

Const. Cost: \$2.4 million

Construction: Masonry bearing walls,  
wood framed floors and  
interior walls.



### Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH

This project included a building condition and historic assessment report that was submitted to LCHIP. The building was originally built in 1892 and expanded in 1993. Our assessment outlined several major deficiencies with the masonry and roof in both portions of the building as well as functional issues in the new wing. The report detailed critical steps in the repair and restoration of the building with associated budgets. The Library has launched fundraising efforts and was the recipient of a \$50,000 LCHIP grant which has allowed them to address the most critical items.



### Barrington Public Library, Barrington, NH

SMP Architecture has been working with the Barrington Library Trustees since 2011 assessing potential sites around town including renovating the Christmas Dove into the Library. The Town has settled on a campus concept on the old Town office site. We have completed a detailed analysis of their space needs and conceptual design of the project. The project has started fundraising this year with construction planned for 2019.



### Exeter Public Library, Exeter, NH

Built in 1987 the 3 story library is out of space in many areas, particularly the children's space. The proposed design reorients the library to take advantage of the river, expands the children's area, creates a large community room, several meeting rooms and maker spaces. A new main entry with convenient parking, all ADA compliant, along with walking paths and connection to the adjacent park will reintroduce the library to the Exeter community and accommodate the growth for the next 20 years.



### Gilsum Public Library, Gilsum, NH

This 1150 sf library shares space with the town office in the small town center. Built in the 1960's as a simple "repository for books" the library has no space for comfortable reading, programs, meetings or studying. Our approach created a new common entry for the building, a large open stack area, quiet reading for adults, a reading tower for the kids as well as active and passive outdoor spaces. This project is currently on hold and raising support.





## **References for SMP Architecture**

### REFERENCES: OWNERS AND OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVES

- Project: **Durham Public Library, Durham, NH**  
Type: New Library, opened 2013  
Reference: Doug Bencks, Board of Trustees, (603) 862-2791  
Bill Schoonmaker AIA, Project Clerk (603) 868.1848
- Project: **Barrington Public Library, Barrington, NH**  
Type: New library– programming and conceptual design complete  
Reference: Marie Harris, (603) 664.7654
- Project: **Tuftonboro Public Library**  
Type: New Library - (Pending final design and funding)  
Reference: Christie Sarles, Director, 603.569.4256
- Project: **Exeter Public Library**  
Type: Renovation and Addition  
Reference: Hope Godino, Library Director (603) 772-3101
- Project: **Pillsbury Free Library**  
Type: Historic assessment report and long range historic preservation plan  
Reference: Nancy Ladd, Library Director (603) 456-2289
- Project: **Barrington Town Office, Barrington NH**  
Type: New Town Office Facility  
Reference: John Scruton, Town Administrator (603) 664-7395
- Project: **Rye Town Office—Rye New Hampshire**  
Type: Historic restoration, renovation and addition  
Reference: Paul Goldman, Building Committee Chair: 603-964-1554, Cell: 603-553-8224
- Project: **Easter Seals NH—Auburn Street Renovation**  
Type: Space planning and renovation of 45,000 sf office  
Reference: Jamie Fahey, Senior VP facilities 516-361-7436





## **Section 9: SMP's interest**

The Tucker Free Library is an architecturally outstanding and well maintained example of a Classic Revival building. One that was originally designed with more attention to the exterior appearance than the use and function of a library. Times have changed and so have the services that are offered. Your facility now needs to provide access for all individuals while serving your needs in the most efficient way possible.



SMP has the past proven experience and would like to assist you in the visioning of a sympathetic solution that will add functionality to this historic structure while not detracting from its charm.

We are a small firm that provides personal one-on-one service to our clients. We do not have voice mail; we all answer the phone when it rings. We are dedicated professionals who have chosen to work here in New Hampshire because of the positive social impact we can have. Additionally we like library's we read, we attend the programming our libraries offer and believe in their mission.

We are committed to buildings that fit their settings, are thoughtfully designed and are energy efficient environments. By listening closely and understanding your goals we develop solutions that are specific to the needs and values of your community.

“As you know, the Library’s Board of Trustees selected SMP over the competition because of the innovative and creative initial design you presented. That combined with your previous experience working on libraries (some of which we were able to visit) and with the design/build process sold us. What we didn’t know at the time was how **dedicated your group would be to the project**, how you were there with us every step of the way, how you heard our concerns and addressed them, and how in meeting with local government officials as well as Durham residents, you assured the town that we knew what we were doing and that this was a project worth supporting. “

- Thomas Madden, Library Director

“The design work undertaken by SMP required performing architectural design for both new construction and historic renovation, along with meeting a very tight schedule, and working with a Town Hall Committee whose membership was comprised of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and opinions. In fact, one of the most difficult challenges faced by SMP, in addition to the architectural design work itself, was the Town Hall Committee's propensity to revisit and re-question decisions previously made. This activity continued to exhaust the precious schedule time we had for this architectural design. **SMP rose very successfully to these challenges** and guided us through to the architectural design conclusions, on time, for this project.”

- Paul Goldman, Chair Rye Town Hall Committee

## **SMP Project List:**

### **Academic**

Contoocook School- NFI North, Hopkinton  
Fall Mountain Regional High School, Langdon  
Kearsarge Regional High School, Sutton  
Kearsarge Regional High School 2nd Floor Addition, Sutton  
Kearsarge Regional High School, Auditorium  
Kearsarge Regional School District, Kindergarten Additions,  
Sutton, New London, Bradford, & Warner  
Lamson Library at Plymouth State College, Plymouth  
Phillips Exeter Academy, Gilman House, Exeter  
Phillips Exeter Academy, Bell house, Exeter  
Plymouth State University Learning Commons, Plymouth  
New England College, Simon Center, Henniker,  
Vilas School, Alstead FMRSD  
Mastricola Elementary School, Merrimack NH

### **Arts & Cultural**

Capitol Center for the Arts, 3 separate phases, Concord  
Concord Community Music School, Concord  
Concord Theater Feasibility Study, Concord  
League Of New Hampshire's Craftsman, Concord  
Newmarket Mills Arts & Cultural Center, Newmarket  
North Country Center for the Arts, Lincoln  
Red River Theatre, Concord  
Slusser Aviation Learning Center & Museum, Manchester

### **Corporate**

Anthem Blue Cross, Interior Fit-up, Manchester  
Berlin Clean Power, Berlin  
Charter Trust Companies, Concord  
Concord Steam Plant, Concord  
Country Houses Real Estate, Newbury  
Country Houses Real Estate New London  
Geographic Data, Hanover  
Gerber Dental, Hooksett  
National Field Representatives, Claremont NH  
Nobis Engineering Offices, Concord  
Northpoint Engineering, Concord NH  
PC Connection Corporate Headquarters, Merrimack  
PC Connection Corporate Offices, Dover  
PC Connection - Gov. Connection , Merrimack  
PC Connection- 732 Milford Rd., Merrimack  
Pleasant View Gardens, Loudon  
The Taylor Group Corporate Headquarters, Bedford  
Weaver Brothers Construction, Bow NH

### **Financial**

AG Edwards Offices, Concord  
AG Edwards Offices, New London  
Charter Trust Companies, Concord  
Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin  
Laconia Savings Bank Office Renovation, Gilford  
Sugar River Saving's Bank, New London

### **Healthcare**

Compassion Veterinary Hospital, Bradford  
Little Rivers Health Care, East Corinth, VT  
New England Center for Integrative Health, Lyme  
Russell Animal Hospital, Concord

### **Historical Preservation**

Danbury Community Center, Danbury  
Davison Block, Hanover  
Epsom Meeting House, Epsom  
Farwell Block Façade Renovation, Claremont  
Kimball House LCHP Application, Concord  
Library / Town Hall, Dunbarton  
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Concord  
South Newbury Historic Buildings, S. Newbury  
Stevens-Buswell School, Bedford  
Tilton Inn Renovations, Tilton  
Town Hall Renovation Feasibility, Hopkinton  
Union Block, Claremont

### **Housing**

Bascetta Residence, Newbury  
Blumenauer Residence, Plainfield  
Carlin Residence, New London  
Concord Housing Authority, Concord  
Fournier Residence, Bow NH  
Gerseny Residence, Hopkinton NH  
Habitat for Humanity, Multiple Locations  
Head Residence, Hopkinton  
Junius Residence, Lake Sunapee NH  
King Residence, Goffstown NH  
Lake Houses at Christmas Island, Laconia  
Nabstedt Residence, Concord  
Pfister Residence, Bow NH  
Potavin Residence, Nottingham NH  
Schlepphorst Residence, Hopkinton  
South End Redevel. Masterplan, Concord Housing Auth.  
Silverman Residence, Hopkinton NH  
St. Teresa's Rectory, Henniker  
Tarbell Residence, Concord NH  
Ten Hutchins Multi-Family Housing, Concord  
Tomlinsen Residence, Meriden  
Walker Residence, New London  
Washington Park Estates, Manchester  
West Bed & Breakfast, Newbury  
Wilmot Residence, Concord NH



## Industrial

Alfa Aesar Plant Addition, Haverhill, MA  
 Alfa Aesar II Shelly Road, Haverhill, MA  
 Alfa Aesar III, Haverhill, MA  
 Alfa Aesar IV, Tianjin, China  
 Alfa Aesar Storage Facility, Haverhill, MA  
 VHG Labs, Corporate Offices, Manchester  
 Crown Point Cabinetry, Claremont

## Law

Shaheen & Gordon Law Offices, Concord  
 Sulloway & Hollis Counselors at Law, Concord

## Libraries

Aaron Cutler Library Renovation, Litchfield  
 Barrington Public Library, Barrington  
 Canterbury Library  
 Durham Public Library, Durham  
 Enfield Library, Enfield  
 Exeter Public Library  
 Gilsum Public Library, Gilsum  
 Hall Memorial Library, Northfield  
 Hopkinton Public Library, Hopkinton  
 Lamson Library at Plymouth State College, Plymouth  
 Pillsbury Free Public Library, Warner  
 Plaistow Public Library, Plaistow  
 Rockingham Free Public Library, Bellows Falls VT  
 South Berwick Library, South Berwick, ME  
 Tracy Memorial Library Renovation, New London  
 Tuftonboro Free Library

## Municipal / Government

Bow Safety Complex, needs assessment, Bow  
 Barrington Town Hall, Barrington  
 Barrington Village Masterplan  
 Belknap County Community Corrections, Laconia  
 Canterbury Town Center, Canterbury  
 Canterbury Police, Fire, Highway Dept. Complex  
 Canterbury Town Hall  
 City of Laconia, Zoning Ordinance Development  
 Hopkinton Police Department, Hopkinton  
 Lebanon City Hall, Lebanon  
 Meredith Fire Department, Meredith  
 Milford Safety Complex needs Assessment  
 New London Town Hall Feasibility, New London  
 Sullivan County Community Corrections, Sullivan County  
 Sullivan County Jail, Sullivan County  
 Warner Fire Department, Warner  
 Whipple Memorial Hall, New London

## Non-Profit

American Red Cross, Concord Area Chapter, Concord  
 Camp Spaulding, Concord  
 Hopkinton Community Center Feasibility, Hopkinton  
 John Hay National Wildlife Sanctuary, Newbury  
 Kearsarge Community Center, New London  
 McLane Center, Audubon Society of NH, Concord  
 New Hampshire Aviation Museum, Manchester  
 New London Community Center, New London  
 Silk Farm Nature Center Feasibility, Concord  
 Slusser Senior Center, Hopkinton  
 Wilmot Community Center, Wilmot

## Religious

Bartlett Union Congregational Church, Bartlett  
 Bow Mills United Methodist Church, Bow NH  
 Bradford Community Church, Bradford NH  
 Christ Church Exeter, Exeter NH  
 Contoocook United Methodist Church  
 First Baptist Church of Meredith  
 First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter  
 Sunapee United Methodist Church, Sunapee  
 South Congregational Church, Concord  
 Saint Joseph Church, Nashua  
 St. Jude Parish Feasibility, Londonderry  
 Saint Theresa's Church, Henniker  
 Temple Israel, Dover  
 Wilmot Baptist Church, Wilmot

## Retail

125 Newport Road Holding, New London  
 Jacques Fine European Pastries, Suncook  
 Peter Christian's Tavern, New London  
 Sunapee Harbor Riverway, Sunapee  
 WRENville Market Place, Bethlehem

## Architectural Assessment

South Newbury Grange Hall Historical Report  
 Town Hall Historical Report, Freedom  
 Village Country Inn, Manchester VT  
 Equinox Hotel, Manchester VT  
 Boscawen 1913 Library





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