

The Library Board of Trustees was not informed in advance by the Town Attorney's plan to amend the Warrant Article # 9 to state first the project's full anticipated cost \$500K of the project (describing this full amount as the requested appropriation) instead of just the \$160K that the Board was requesting from taxpayers, arguably creating confusion about the actual scope of the request of the Warrant Article.

The remainder of the project cost (\$340K) was to come from fundraising and donated funds already in hand. Also, in 2021, the Board of Trustees already used \$400K of private funds, over half of the total cost used by the Select Board to acquire the TD Bank building and the Library's right to control and custody of the Land on which the Library Common was to be developed.