

Firm selected for library design services

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LYNNFIELD – The Lynnfield Library has chosen William Rawn Associates to provide architect/designer services for its upcoming renovation project. The firm will complete designs for both a renovated library at its current site, as well as for a new one in a location still to be determined. From there, a plan will be selected and presented to voters, likely at the spring Town Meeting.

Last week, William Rawn Associates was one of four Boston area firms to be interviewed by the Library Building Committee.

Copies of the nine proposals

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received from various firms can be viewed on the library's website, LynnfieldLibrary.org.

In their proposal, William Rawn Associates said it had completed library projects in Rochester, Mattapan, East Boston, and Cambridge, and they said their focus is on designing "warm, inviting, daylight spaces that people want to be in," while also crafting a space for all ages, "expanding technology but showcasing books," and working with communities.

The firm also noted that along with visiting the present library, they had also stopped at the town-owned barn located between the Reedy Meadow Golf Course and the historic Danforth House on Summer

Street to view that location as the possible site of a future new library.

"The idea of finding a way to re-use the existing barn at the golf course speaks to creating a new library home that is both dramatic and comfortable," said the firm in its proposal. "We are intrigued by the site. The vision of a second town common that is anchored by the library but grows over time is very exciting."

William Rawn Associates also indicated that it had enlisted landscape design firm Steve Stimson Associates to help with its project, citing its past work with that firm and its "deep sensitivity to the traditions of New England landscapes."