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Select Board  
Town of North Hampton  
233 Atlantic Avenue,  
North Hampton, NH 03862

**RE: Library Renovation/Expansion Project**

Dear Chairman Maggiore and Select Board Members,

As you were made aware through my letter to you dated November 20, 2019, this Office represents the Trustees of the North Hampton Public Library. In that letter, I respectfully requested that the Select Board immediately cease engaging in any further design review or work relative to the proposed library expansion/renovation project. Citing to RSA 202-A:6, I pointed out to you that it is the Library Trustees, not the Select Board, that have the *entire custody and management of the public library and of all the property of the town relating therein*.

It is abundantly clear to me that the Select Board has chosen to ignore my request and will continue to engage in design work relative to the library, despite having been advised by the Town Attorney and through my prior letter that the Board does not have authority to do this. Tonight's meeting agenda for the Board calls for the "approval of funds to TW Design for Continued Library Concept Design Work". The Board is acting at its own peril by continuing in this endeavor, as it is overstepping its statutory boundaries and unnecessarily spending taxpayer money in the process of doing so. The Board's actions will inevitably fracture public support for the appropriation that the Trustees will be seeking in March for their library renovation/addition plan. Significant time and money have already been invested in this plan.

I again respectfully ask that the Board cease and desist in engaging in design review or work relative to the library. If it does not, it is fair for the Board to assume that the next paperwork that it receives from me will be a Superior Court Civil Summons.

Sincerely,

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CC: Board of Library Trustees  
Town Administrator