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Nauset Completes Acushnet Station

Acushnet Police Facility

Acushnet, MA – Nauset Construction is overseeing the finishing touches to the recently completed ground up construction of the new $5.7 million police station for the town of Acushnet.

Designed by Kaestle Boos Associates, the 11,000sf structure replaces the former police station that shared space with the school department and board of health at the historic Parting Ways Building, built in 1877.

The new facility includes separate adult and juvenile detention cells, secure booking and processing areas, administrative offices, interview rooms, a dispatch center with bullet-proof glass and walls, locker rooms, and a community/training/Emergency Operations Center room. The facility also features a garage for vehicles that are evidence in investigations and a sally port that allows for the safe delivery and receipt of detainees.

Sitework included upgrades to the underground stormwater retention, as well as new sewer, water, and gas connections to the street.

Project challenges included maintaining a shared entranceway throughout construction with an emergency medical services facility, necessitating continuous planning and coordination to ensure that emergency vehicles and personnel were not impacted during the construction process.

Another challenge involved onsite wetland protection that required Nauset to work in conjunction with the local conservation committee to preserve the area.

Finegold Alexander Library Reno.

Jones Library in Amherst, Mass.

Amherst, MA – Finegold Alexander Architects has been awarded the design study contract for the proposed renovation and addition for the Jones Library on Amity Street in Amherst.

The project may expand to upwards of 60,000sf to 80,000sf and include a modernized library with small, quiet study rooms, a computer training lab, a youth activities room, a café-like space, a sales area for library mementos and the Friends' Book Sale, self-serve holds, and an automated materials handling system.

The library will also feature a special collections area including works by Robert Frost and Emily Dickinson that will draw people from all over the world.

Project cost is expected to be up to $40 million, with a large portion paid by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and and through fundraising in the community. Library officials plan to maintain or recreate the Kinsey Memorial Garden to strengthen connections to the adjacent Amherst History Museum, also known as Strong House.

The library was established in 1919 through a trust from local Amherst lumberman Samuel Minot Jones and was originally designed by Allan Cox of the Putnam & Cox architecture firm in 1928.

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