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*CPL Board of Trustees Votes to Award Construction Drawings, Procurement and Administration Services Contract to Barba+Wheelock of Portland, Maine*

Conway, NH – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – At their October 18th, 2022 meeting, the Conway Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously voted to enter into a contract with the architecture and historic preservation firm Barba+Wheelock (BW), of Portland, Maine, for construction drawings, procurement, and administration services for the restoration and repair of the library façade that was damaged on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 in a motor vehicle accident.

The first step in the process ahead will be the creation of construction documents, including repair drawings and specifications. The second step in the process is the procurement phase, where BW will implement a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process to select the contractors who will perform the actual repair work. In the construction administration phase, BW will ensure their repair design will be faithfully carried out by the selected contractors.

With its background in historic preservation, BW is well positioned to run this project. Founded in 1980, the firm possesses a proven track record of rehabilitating historic structures. Past BW clients include Bowdoin College, Portland Museum of Art, The University of Maine, and the Maine Historical Society.

Up to this point \$25,275 has been paid out to contractors for various services. The full amount, less the \$1,000 deductible, has been reimbursed to the Town of Conway by our property/liability insurer, NH Primex.

Conway Public Library Board of Trustees Chair Julie Laracy said, “We are very excited to have reached this moment in the process of restoring our beloved building. Over the next six months, Barba+Wheelock will accomplish the preparatory work necessary for construction to begin in the spring. I’d like to thank Earl Sires, Rob Adair, and Gary MacDonald for their service on our building committee. I’d also like to thank our Library Director, David Smolen, for his stewardship of this process from day one.”