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LIBRARY EXPANSION ON TRACK; FINAL ACTION AWAITED ON \$1 MILLION STATE GRANT

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Town council chairman Mark Zacchio said a request for construction bids could be ready by Sept. 1. If the bond commission has not approved the funding by then, Avon has the option to delay or move forward without the state grant.

Mary Suter, president of the Avon library board of trustees, said the trustees are in a delicate situation.

"The town is willing to [begin construction]," she said, "but we also don't want to walk away from \$1 million."

As a safeguard, the town council has asked the architects to prepare an updated project cost, in hopes that the total may have decreased.

"We want to deliver the structure and building quality that we promised, and we're pretty confident that we can," Zacchio said.

Suter hopes the trustees can trim the project's overall cost, which was first estimated in mid-2008.

She also expects the committee charged with raising \$500,000 to help fund the renovation will be asked to raise more. Last week, the library building committee named former Pine Grove School Principal Mark Nolan to head fundraising efforts.

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