

## **First Prize**

**Lacina Heitler Architects, New York, NY**

**Design Team: Josh Heitler, Brian Cuff, Doug Houstoun, Marina Yu, Ed Rojas, Kevin Denlinger and Aaron Whitney**

### Jury Comments

This scheme really responded to the request for ideas by proposing an architecturally sensitive solution AND an urban design analysis that heads the entire downtown in a new direction. The idea of the "gem" of a library requires a setting that both sets the library off, and is a beautiful place for Woburn.

*- Sherida Paulsen*

Best synthesis of building design and urban design, its success lay in the sliver glass atrium between old and new that was nicely scaled, and in the extension of the greenspace to link to the heart of the downtown. This and #2 shared the strategy of having the new "peek" from behind the old, just a hint of its existence when viewed from the Downtown, and the jurors were attracted to that strategy.

*-Gretchen J. Von Grossmann*

This was our first choice as it had the most accomplished and sensitive consideration of both architectural and urban ideas. Urbanistically we particularly valued the connection it created between the library green space and the existing Town Green, and the fact that it took the parking requirements for the whole Woburn downtown into consideration and proposed a new multi-level parking garage. Architecturally the scheme created a bold yet deferential addition, and we particularly appreciated the fact that it engaged the "back" facade of the existing library with the new glass atrium, providing with the Richardson building.

*-Amanda Lawrence*