

#### SHERBORN LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

July 2019

The FAQs are created in an effort to help the Sherborn community understand what is happening with the Library Project. Since 2015, when the project cost was originally estimated, there have been unexpected events, unanticipated requirements, and unforeseen conditions on the site. These FAQs are prepared to supplement and update information previously made available about the Library Project.

## WHAT RECENT UPDATES/PROGRESS CAN BE REPORTED?

•Site work has been proceeding with a new sub-contractor, DeRenzo, hired by the contractor, Five Star Building Corp. (FSBC), to complete the site work. The majority of recent site work has been focused on the installation of a large (22,000 gallon) underground tank to store water for the fire sprinkler system. This tank has now been installed and tested and site work will continue around the campus, including curbing, pathways, stone walls, and the water detention basin at the lower part of Sanger Street. The site work was planned in a phased approach and the contractor is required to work with Police Department and Town officials to minimize disruption around the campus.

•The completion date remains uncertain as the project architect has not accepted the exterior masonry as installed by the sub-contractor CSI. FSBC must provide a plan for remedy, per the terms of the contract. Until this issue is resolved, we will not see significant work on the exterior of the Library, including cedar siding work on the treehouse, installation of doors and windows, etc.

•Work on the interior of the building continues at a slow pace due to the unresolved masonry issues. Interior framing, tilework, drywall, electric, HVAC, and IT cabling are underway with the contractor following contractual specifications to maintain the required 'dry-in' status. Performance testing on the newly installed skylights is scheduled to be complete this week.

•Library Trustees and the Library Building Committee have been reporting to the Select Board regularly to provide updates. The Town, along with Town Counsel, continues to carefully track the contractor's responses to deficiencies noted by the architect and to assess the impact on the schedule. The project budget is also being carefully tracked and reviewed by the Library Building Committee, Trustees, and Select Board.

# WHAT EFFORTS ARE IN PLACE TO ADVANCE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT?

•The Town continues to do everything possible to ensure the project gets done correctly and with the expected high level of workmanship.

•The Library Building Committee, Select Board, and Library Trustees continue to monitor the work of the contractor to make sure that it is being done in accordance with the plans and specifications.

•The Town Administrator, under the direction of the Select Board, has convened an advisory group which meets twice weekly to help resolve issues to help get the project completed.

•Weekly Owner, Architect, Contractor (OAC) meetings continue to take place on Tuesdays.



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## ARE THERE ANY LOCAL MEETINGS I COULD ATTEND, TO LEARN MORE?

•Meetings of the Select Board, Library Trustees, and Library Building Committee are open to the public; times and locations for these meetings are posted on the Town website. Select Board meeting minutes are posted on the Town website; minutes from meetings of the Trustees and of the Library Building Committee are posted on the Sherborn Library website.

### WHERE CAN I FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBRARY PROJECT?

Sherborn Library website – sherbornlibrary.org Town of Sherborn website – sherbornma.org

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING, ONCE THE LIBRARY PROJECT IS COMPLETED?

•One of the new facets of the renovated and expanded Library is ample meeting room space for small and large gatherings. The public may reserve meeting rooms for small group use, quiet study, and larger community events. Room reservation software is expected to be available on the Library's website to help facilitate the use of the Library's meeting rooms. Patrons can anticipate available spaces including tutoring rooms, a local history room, the Trustees' conference room, and a large community room located in the new, lower level. For Town group gatherings, these meeting areas will be available without a fee. The Library Meeting Room Policy can be found on the Library website, sherbornlibrary.org.

The Library Trustees are committed to delivering on the promise of a beautifully renovated and expanded Library to serve all Sherborn residents for many decades to come.