

The FAQs are created in an effort to help the Sherborn community understand what is happening with the Library project.

WHAT RECENT UPDATES/PROGRESS CAN BE REPORTED?

- The Select Board officially sent notice it was terminating the contract between Five Star Building Corporation (“FSBC”) and the Town for the Sherborn Library Addition and Renovation project. The notice also included a demand that Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (the “Surety”), which issued a performance bond for the project in favor of the Town, immediately undertake to perform and complete all project work and assume all liabilities and fulfill all obligations as set forth in the performance bond.
- Town Counsel is working with Town officials and the Architect to meet with and provide the Surety with documents that are part of the project record, as well as helping the Surety investigate and respond to the performance bond claim. Under terms of the performance bond there are several options for resolution, and the Surety will soon let the Town know how they elect to finish the project. We are hopeful that the Surety’s election will result in a quick restart of the project and completion in 2020.
- The Department of Public Works Director has secured the Library building and is working closely with Town Counsel and the Town Administrator to provide site tours and information, as needed, as the Surety completes the investigation.
- A new Owner’s Project Manager (“OPM”) – Daedalus Projects, a CHA company – has been contracted to work with the Town to finish the project.
- In response to the delays, The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissions (“MBLC”) has extended the completion date on the Town’s contract through June 2022, and the Sherborn Community Center Foundation has extended our lease through August 2020. The Town is grateful to each of these groups for their understanding and willingness to work through these project challenges with us.

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

- The Town continues to do everything possible to ensure that the project gets done correctly and with the expected high level of workmanship.
- The Library Building Committee, Select Board, and Library Trustees continue to meet regularly, and an advisory group consisting of members of the Select Board, Library Trustees, Library Building Committee and key Town employees also meets regularly.

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 Library 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

WHERE CAN I VISIT THE LIBRARY DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Our community continues to visit the Library in its temporary home at the Sherborn Community Center and to take full advantage of available resources. The Library’s current lease with the Sherborn Community Center Foundation (“SCCF”) runs through August 2020, and the Town is grateful to the SCCF for its extended hospitality. For information about the Sherborn Community Center, visit the website – sherborncommunitycenter.com.