

## SHERBORN LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

June 2020

During the current COVID-19 health emergency, the Library continues to fulfill its mission to provide the community with access to information and to promote life-long education, recreational reading, and cultural advancement while complying with the applicable public health directives adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, visit the Sherborn Library website – [sherbornlibrary.org](http://sherbornlibrary.org)

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

### WHAT UPDATES/PROGRESS ON THE PROJECT CAN BE REPORTED?

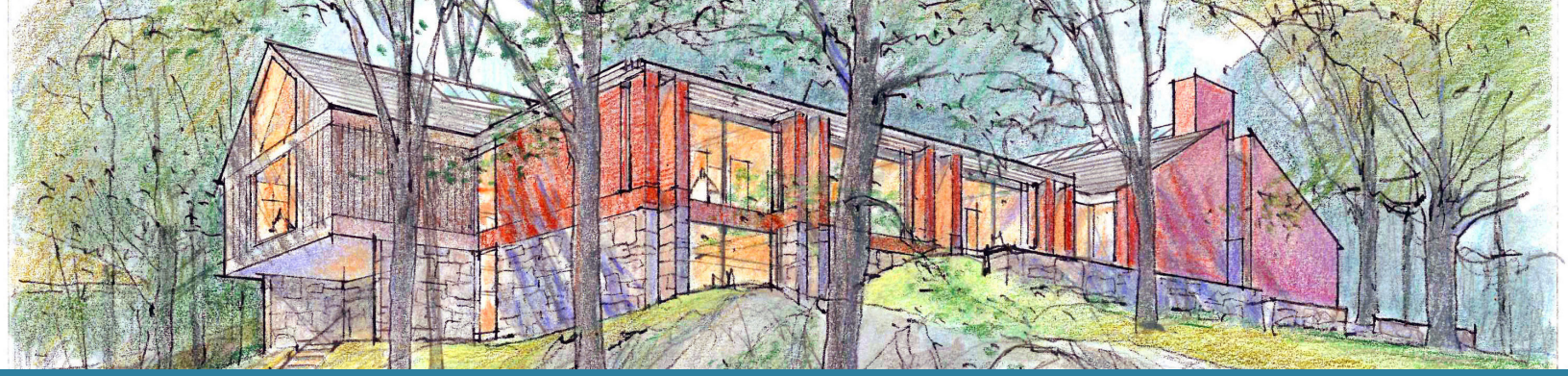
- The Town has now reached an agreement with the Surety (the “Takeover Agreement”), which provides that the Surety will fully and properly complete the Library project using its agents and independent contractors. The Takeover Agreement governs the relationship between the Town and the Surety and provides a roadmap for completion of the Library project. The Town has reserved rights it may have against Five Star Building Corporation (“FSBC”) to initiate legal action for recovery of damages related to delay and to certain construction issues, as well as all other rights not subject to the Takeover Agreement.
- The Town’s Owner’s Project Manager (“OPM”), CHA, continues to work closely with the Town and the Design Team to help move the Library project forward.
- As part of its responsibilities as the OPM, CHA is working to update the Library project budget to reflect the new completion dates and other values provided in the Takeover Agreement.
- Under the Takeover Agreement, the new substantial completion date for the Library is February 1, 2021, excluding weather impacted items, which

have a substantial completion date of April 15, 2021. We are hopeful that the successfully negotiated Takeover Agreement will result in a restart of the Library project as quickly as possible, in alignment with the Commonwealth’s public health directives adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Department of Public Works Director has secured the Library building and is working to maintain security on the site.
- In response to construction delays, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (“MBLC”) has extended the completion date on the Town’s contract. The Town is grateful to the MBLC for their understanding and willingness to work through these project challenges with us.

### HOW HAS THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS RESPONDED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MBLC voted to suspend some requirements for the State Aid to Public Libraries Program, revised the Five-Year Waiver Policy and the Library Closure Policy, and suspended the need for monthly construction project updates.



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### 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 information about these meetings – [including information needed to join virtual meetings via the Zoom platform](#) – 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](http://sherbornlibrary.org)
- Town of Sherborn website – [sherbornma.org](http://sherbornma.org)

### WHERE CAN I VISIT THE LIBRARY DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- In alignment with the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 health emergency protocols, the Library started contactless pick-ups beginning Monday, June 8th. Patrons are invited to request items through the Minuteman catalog, to schedule a pickup time for reserved materials, and to pick up materials outside the library doors. Currently, returns are being accepted during limited hours through a makeshift window slot. Patrons can continue to access millions of eBooks and databases for free, and some programming options are being offered remotely. To learn more about the curbside pickups, available digital resources, and remote programming, visit the Sherborn Library website – [sherbornlibrary.org](http://sherbornlibrary.org)
- Our community will continue to find the Library in its temporary home at the Sherborn Community Center. For information about the Sherborn Community Center, visit the website – [sherborncommunitycenter.com](http://sherborncommunitycenter.com).