



SHERBORN LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

November 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 – <https://sherbornlibrary.org>.

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

WHAT IS THE OVERALL CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF THE LIBRARY?

Following the completion of the Takeover Agreement with the Surety and the Town in June and review of work that needed to be redone, construction restarted on the Library in September. The project management companies representing the Town and the Surety have a project plan that they jointly manage.

WHO IS NOW MANAGING THE PROJECT?

CHA is the Town's Owner Project Manager (OPM). They work closely with the Design Team and Beacon Consulting Group, the Surety's project manager, to move the Library Project forward.

WHAT IS THE NEW ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE – FOR REAL THIS TIME.

The current substantial completion date is scheduled for Spring of 2021. This date is dependent on weather and the availability of materials and subcontractors, which may have been impacted by COVID. The project team meets weekly, assesses progress against the plan and updates the plan accordingly.

WAS THERE WEATHER AND WATER DAMAGE DUE TO THE BUILDING BEING EXPOSED FOR SO LONG?

As part of the Takeover Agreement, any weather and water damage incurred was not accepted as completed work and will be remediated as part of the current construction plan.

WILL THE TOWN HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LONG-TERM PROBLEMS WITH THE BUILDING DUE TO CONSTRUCTION MISTAKES AND WEATHER EXPOSURE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO KEEP PAYING MORE FOR YEARS TO COME?

The Town is unwilling to accept substandard work. The Library Building Committee is vigilant about such matters and the new construction personnel have been apprised. A punch list will have to be aggressively followed before we consider the construction complete.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT?

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 – <https://www.sherbornma.org>. The Library's website has additional information in the Renovation News section – <https://sherbornlibrary.org/news-events/renovation-news>.

WHAT ARE THE THINGS WE AS A TOWN CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ONCE THE LIBRARY RE-OPENS?

A children's room, improved seating areas and access to the stacks in the adult reading room, full code and ADA compliance, a teen collaborative workspace, small conference rooms that may be reserved online, a large public meeting room with separate access that may be booked online for community group events and municipal meetings, updated technology, added parking, a terrace and patio for outdoor enjoyment. A general overhaul and refurbishment of the 1971 building.



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VIEWS INSIDE THE LIBRARY 11/4/20

