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CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING AT SHERBORN LIBRARY

SHERBORN, MA January 29, 2017. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Sherborn Library's exciting renovation and expansion project was held on Saturday morning, January 28. State and local officials, representatives of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), library trustees, members of the Library Building Committee (LBC), Friends of the Sherborn Library, owner's project manager John Sayre-Scibona of Design Technique Inc., representatives of project designers Beacon Architectural Associates and Adams & Smith, honored guests, and enthusiastic residents were present to mark the occasion.

Mary Moore, Chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomed everyone gathered. Quoting Andrew Carnegie, she observed that, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people," and added that "the story of the Sherborn Library is a story of sincere generosity and community – benefitting all residents."

Library Director Elizabeth Johnston shared a contemplative poem she wrote to commemorate the event.

MBLC Commissioner Roland A. Ochsenbein commended the community on its success. "We offer our hearty congratulations and are happy to support worthy projects like the one here in Sherborn." He said, "This is the most fulfilling thing we can do in a community – all you need to do is spend a few minutes in a library and you will appreciate just how important this work is."

Library Trustee Stacey Brandon added her heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone who has touched the project, noting that, "So many citizens of Sherborn have been involved in one way or another with this project through the years. It is truly exciting to begin construction of the renovated and expanded 'living room of our community,' where all Sherborn residents are welcome to read, study and gather with our neighbors!"

The renovated and expanded library will serve the social, cultural and informational needs of the entire Sherborn community – children as well as teens, adults and seniors – comfortably and effectively. A new wing will house a dedicated children's area, a community hall with art gallery and a public conference room. The existing upper level will be rededicated to the young adult population. The main floor will be dedicated to the adult collection and an enlarged adult reading room conducive to leisurely reading and study. The entire library will be upgraded for

compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all current building codes. The library is being built to comply with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements. It is estimated that the library will be ready to re-open late December 2017 or early January 2018.

As work at the site begins, the Sherborn Library has relocated to its temporary home across Sanger Street at the Sherborn Community Center, where it will remain during the construction phase of the project. In its new home, the library has resumed regular hours.

For more information about the renovation project, to view renderings and project FAQs, and to review minutes from the LBC and Trustee meetings, please visit the library website at library.sherbornma.org. Project updates can also be found at www.sherbornma.org.

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photo captions: Library Director Elizabeth Johnston and Trustees Chair Mary Moore, at the Sherborn Library Groundbreaking Ceremony; Many enthusiastic supporters were present for the Sherborn Library Groundbreaking Ceremony on Saturday, January 28th