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Public invited to celebration of start of \$24.3 million project



The community is invited to the Groundbreaking for the new Sharon Public Library on Friday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony, being held by the Board of Library Trustees and the Sharon Standing Building Committee, will take place at the site of the new library at 1 School St., followed by a reception in the Community Room of the Sharon Public Library at 11 N. Main St.

"Library Trustees have been working towards a library that fits the needs of Sharon for more than 20 years and we are so excited that the residents of Sharon will have a library that can truly serve our community," said Cheryl Weinstein, Board of Library Trustees Chair and Sharon Standing Building Committee member.

The \$24.3 million new library is being funded in part with a \$10.5 million debt exclusion approved by Sharon voters in May 2019, a \$7.5 million grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), \$6.35 million approved by Town Meeting voters in May 2023 and an additional amount from the MBLC of approximately \$774,000.

Commissioner George T. Comeau, Esq. of the MBLC will speak and several other MBLC members will attend.

The new library is expected to be complete in early 2025.

Built in 1914, the Carnegie-funded library has been an integral part of downtown Sharon for generations. Despite two additions, the building no longer accommodates the needs of the more than 18,000 residents of Sharon. The 21st century library will be one that can serve the community for many years to come.

Work began this summer with site preparation.

LLB Architects designed the new library. CHA Companies Inc. is the Owner's Project Manager. M. O'Connor Contracting is the general contractor.

For information about the Groundbreaking Ceremony contact the Trustees at libraryboard@townofsharon.org.

For updates on the project go to: www.townofsharon.net.

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