



## **Town of Shelburne New Library, Community Center, Municipal Complex, and Historic Town Hall**

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### **STATEMENT OF NEED**

The existing Shelburne Municipal Complex includes the Town Offices, Police Department, Recreation Spaces, Fire Department, Historic Town Hall, and Pierson Public Library all in one central location in the heart of Shelburne Village. The Town Offices, Police Department, and Recreation spaces are housed in the former public school building, which was renovated in 19XX to accommodate these functions. The Firehouse was constructed in XXXX. In XXXX, the Town Offices vacated the space attached to the Historic Town Hall, and Shelburne's Pierson Library moved in, which is where it resides currently. Minimal renovation was done to accommodate this new function. The Historic Town Hall, constructed in 1929 is an historic landmark that has not had significant improvements since 1994.

The Library and Historic Town Hall buildings no longer serve the functions for which they were originally designed. They both suffer from a lack of maintenance and modern energy efficiency strategies and technologies. The Library, specifically, is not of an adequate size to serve its nearly 60,000 visitors annually and has had to limit its programming and collections as a result. The physical condition of the library is extremely poor and limits tremendously the capacity and capabilities of the library to provide services and programs.

The Town of Shelburne and its Select Board are committed to addressing the needs of the Library and Town Hall to best serve the community on the site of the municipal complex. In doing so, the Town hopes to improve site access and circulation for its wide variety of users and stakeholders.



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### VISION STATEMENT

**The Town of Shelburne imagines a project that is visionary as it:**

- Becomes a dynamic and inclusive community hub; a place for civic conversation, community-building, and individual growth.
- Represents and provides a wide variety of opportunities, resources, and services for the entire community and is ultimately well-used and well-loved by the community.
- Welcomes and nurtures all the people of the town and its visitors.
- Demonstrates long-term thinking and carefully considers both the town's history and its future; the value of its heritage and history to future generations.
- Unifies the many facilities and uses housed on the site.
- Exhibits and teaches the importance of sustainability and energy efficiency.
- Incorporates a new library that will be considered architecturally the "crown jewel" of the village.
- Preserves and makes relevant for future use its Historic Town Hall.
- Provides the opportunity to expand community cultural activities such as displays of resident artwork, performances, food events, etc.
- Demonstrates durability in new construction and renovations while being affordable to construct, operate and maintain.
- Accommodates a variety of programs and uses while being flexible and adaptable to the changing needs of the community going forward.
- Fits its context of Shelburne village while being serendipitous and delightful.
- Encourages community involvement in its design and construction, thereby promoting support for the project and pride for the village center.
- Ultimately becomes indispensable to the everyday lives of the residents of Shelburne.