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Weymouth to Celebrate Groundbreaking for the New Tufts Library

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Weymouth, MA – Mayor Robert Hedlund will be joined by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Tufts Library Construction Committee, Weymouth Board of Library Trustees, Town Council President Michael Smart, Town Councilors, State Senator Patrick O'Connor, and State Representatives Ronald Mariano and James Murphy on Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 for the New Tufts Library groundbreaking ceremony. This event will signify the start of the construction phase of the project which has an anticipated completion date of Spring of 2020.

WHO: Mayor Robert Hedlund
Leslie D. Ball, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
Town Council
Senator Patrick O'Connor
Majority Leader Ronald Mariano
Representative James Murphy
Tufts Library Construction Committee

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27th, 2019, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

WHERE: Tufts Library
46 Broad St
Weymouth, MA 02188
Parking available onsite

In July 2017, the Town secured a \$12,085,184 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for the construction of the New Tufts Library which will serve as a modern, 21st century building that will incorporate improvements in not just infrastructure but also programming, amenities, and offerings. Funding for this grant was awarded through the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP). The grant will finance approximately 41 percent of the eligible project costs for the New Tufts Library.

The new library design focuses on flexibility, with priority placed on elements such as an efficient and cost-effective floor plan, spaces that can be reconfigured and repurposed for new uses, and an infrastructure that can expand and adapt with changes in needs and technology over time. Among many other improvements, the New Tufts Library will include: an expanded children's services department with programming spaces for multiple age groups; community meeting rooms allowing for after-hours use; expanded technology infrastructure of public computers and wireless internet; and a local history center to display and preserve the library's nationally significant collection.

The current schedule calls for construction to take place throughout 2019, with an anticipated completion date of Spring of 2020. The current plan proposes full occupancy of the new library by June of 2020.

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