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Library Generator Project Update

Library visitors should be aware of some construction on the Library grounds in the coming weeks. There will be trucks in the parking lot, some digging, and some installing, as the Town adds a generator.

This will be the first time that the Library has a backup power/generator system. The generator installation is one of the Town's Capital Projects, approved during May 2025 Town Meeting, and will serve multiple purposes.

The generator will protect the building's infrastructure that has been impacted by power outages over the past several years. These extended outages have reset or damaged lighting, HVAC, IT, and other technology that make up the building's infrastructure. Also, the generator will allow the Milton Public Library to serve as a heating and cooling station for the Town, providing for more climate resiliency. The generator will better guarantee that the Library will be able to maintain services to offer a place of respite for residents impacted by climate extremes. In addition, the Library would be able to open during power outages to provide a safe place to charge devices and enjoy a climate controlled environment.

Construction at the Library will take several weeks. Town departments have worked with electrical consultants and engineers on the installation and placement of the project. Several locations on the property were explored, considering logistical, visual, and service impacts. Some potential locations had to be ruled out for financial and feasibility reasons. The installation will involve the removal of several bushes and other plantings on the property. The project has been able to avoid the removal of any trees, and includes working with a landscape architect to develop a plan for replanting and beautification when the project is completed.

Please be careful as you maneuver the parking lot and sidewalks during this project.

The Library extends its thanks to the Capital Planning Committee and Town Meeting for their support of this project.