

THE SHERMAN LIBRARY

Dear Member,

This year, 2020, has been quite a challenging year. Many of us are working from home, educating our children at home and doing our best to follow guidelines to keep everyone safe from Covid-19. We are pleased to report that the Library has been operating with the same great success through the pandemic.

As a matter of safe social distancing and other protocols, the Sherman Library Association will hold its Annual Meeting of Members on October 9th virtually this year. The Board of Trustees is recommending amendments to the by-laws and the certificate of incorporation ("COI") to be voted on by the membership. Working with an attorney well versed in the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and attending an in-depth CT FOI Commission workshop, the Board found opportunities for better alignment with FOIA, modernization, and clarification that will provide guidelines of operation for future Boards.

In the interest of transparency and understanding the changes, an informational meeting was held on August 25th where the Board met virtually with members who asked questions about the amendments and discussed their concerns. Their suggestions were taken into consideration and some adjustments made.

I ask that you read the amendments carefully in preparation for your vote. You can vote via proxy or in person at the meeting. A proxy and return envelope are included with this letter. Complete and sign the proxy. Mail it to 1 Sherman Center, P.O. Box 40, Sherman, CT 06784, drop it off at the Library, or scan and email to slboard@biblio.org. Proxies received after 7PM on October 6th may not be counted.

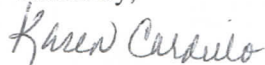
As a consideration of cost and the environment, in lieu of printing, the documents can be found on www.shermanlibrary.org, at the Library or upon request by calling 860.354.2455 or emailing ablake@biblio.org. The documents include; amended by-laws (redlined and clean), amended certificate of incorporation, agenda, and frequently asked questions covering changes and the voting process.

Should you like to discuss the amendments with any trustee, please email slboard@biblio.org and a trustee will follow up with you. And, to attend the meeting register by 7PM on the 6th of October by emailing ablake@biblio.org. Here are some key dates to keep in mind along with the agenda:

Now	Amended COI and by-laws, proxy, FAQ's are available on the Library website, at the Library, or upon request (email ablake@biblio.org or call 860.354.2455).
October 6 th 7 PM	Signed proxies received after this may not be counted. Mail or drop off signed proxy at the Library or scan and email to slboard@biblio.org .
October 6 th 7 PM	Registration deadline for Annual Meeting. Email ablake@biblio.org to attend.
October 6 th 7 PM	Library annual report available on the website.
October 9 th 7 PM	Annual Meeting of Members held via Zoom. Agenda: Call to Order Reports: Treasurer, Investment Committee, President, Executive Director Voting: Trustees, Amended COI, Amended By-laws Unfinished/new business Adjourn Meeting

I thank you for your continued support of the Sherman Library Association and look forward to seeing you (virtually) on October 6th.

Sincerely,



Karen Cardillo
President