

## HISTORY OF THE SHERBORN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Sherborn Library Board of Trustees, a board of nine members elected by the registered voters of the Town of Sherborn, exists by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 78, Sections 10 - 13 and 21 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. The Board exercises the powers and authority and assumes the responsibilities delegated to it under said statute. (*Trustee By-Laws, adopted September 17, 1991; amended October 1993.*)

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Sherborn held March 5, 1860, a petition was presented from the Proprietors' Library Association, and from the Agricultural Library Association, for the establishment of a Town Library, accompanied with the offer of the gift of both Libraries (consisting of 573 volumes) to the Town, provided it would comply with the request, and conform to the full provisions of the state law on this subject.

The Town cordially granted the petition, and appropriated the sum of \$295 dollars for the establishment of the Library at a subsequent meeting held April 2. One Trustee was chosen to represent each school district, with the addition of one Trustee serving at-large. (*Regulations of the Sherborn Town Library, Instituted March, 1860.*)