



Presentation November 13, 2023





Public Works & Land Use Responsibilities

Existing Facility Conditions



Work Completed to Date



Benefits of a New Facility



Schedule



# **Public Works Responsibilities**



# The DPW touches the lives of the residents everyday by maintaining the infrastructure that the community relies on including...

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- Repair & Maintenance of Town roads
  - Approx. <u>96 miles of roadway</u>
- Roadside mowing
- Street sweeping
- Drainage installation & repairs
- Town tree maintenance
- Street sign installation & repair
- Line painting / crosswalk painting
- Inspections for developments
- Maintenance & operation of the cemeteries
- Maintenance of Town vehicles

- Grounds Maintenance and plowing of Town-owned Properties
  - Elementary school complex, Fiske Public
    Library, Public Safety Building, Town Hall, Town
    Commons, Sweatt Park, and 3 town-owned
    cemeteries

#### Maintenance & operation of water

#### system

- Five water supply wells
- Three treatment facilities
- Three storage tanks
- 101 miles of water mains
- 11,700 water customers



#### The DPW touches the lives of the residents everyday by maintaining the infrastructure that the community relies on including...

On call 24 hours a day to handle incidents & emergencies including:

- Snow and ice removal operations
- Hurricane / windstorm cleanup
- Flooding
- Removal of road hazards
- Oil spills / accidents
- Emergency road repairs
- The support of other emergency departments



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#### Land Use Responsibilities

#### Planning and Community Development

Provides guidance, coordination and advisory planning services to the

#### Town.

- Land use
- Planning
- Zoning
- Economic development
- Affordable housing
- Open space
- Land preservation

#### **Department of Inspections**

- Enforcement of the building and zoning codes
- Testing of all weighing and measuring devices

#### **Conservation**

- Protection and management of
  Wrentham's natural resources and the administration of the Wetlands Protection
   Act including reviewing:
  - Request for Determination of Applicability
  - Notice of Intent / Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation
  - Request for Certificate of Compliance

#### Board of Health

- Protecting groundwater
- Ensuring dwellings are fit for habitation
- Protecting against environmental hazards
- Enforcing DEP regulations on disposal of
- wastewater, among other responsibilities

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# Why Does the Town Need a New Facility?



Why does the Town need a new DPW facility?

- The existing facility has exceeded its useful life
- Responsibilities have increased significantly over the years, but the facilities have not
- The facilities no longer serve the needs of the DPW/Town
- Facilities do not meet current codes
- Efficiency of operations and employee safety are negatively impacted





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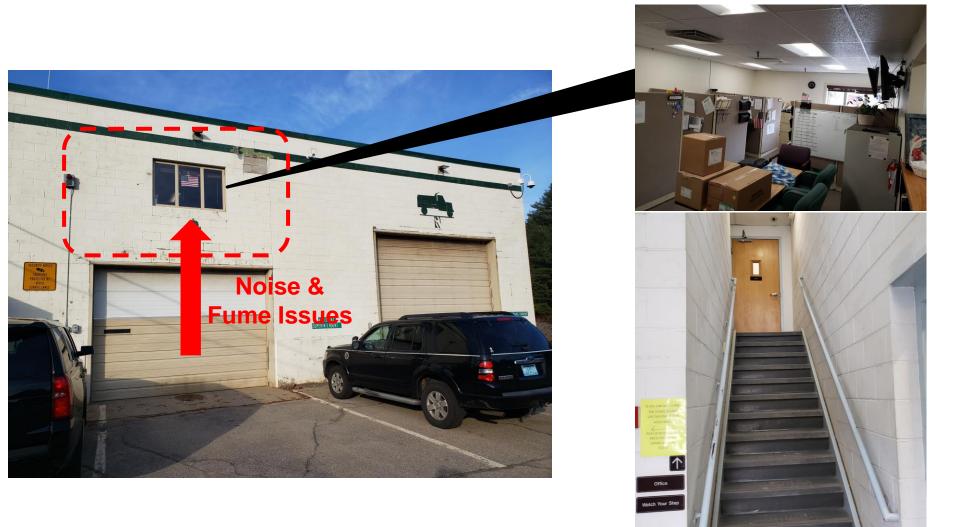
Facility does not meet current needs of the DPW Operations



Portions of employee support space are in a temporary trailer



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2<sup>nd</sup> floor office area is not ADA / Code Compliant



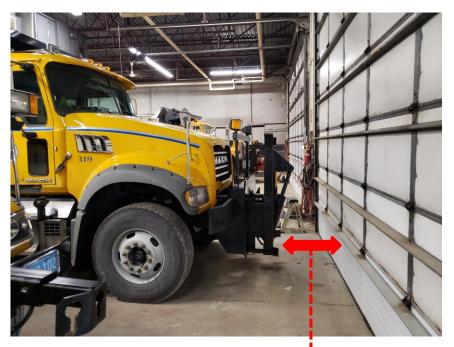
#### **Employee Support Spaces**



Inadequate basic employee support spaces (spaces should be separate)

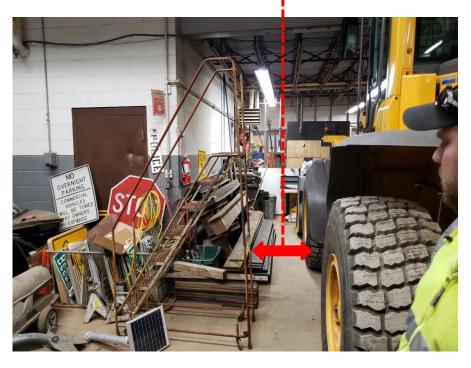


Undersized storage for vehicles and equipment



Inadequate clearance in front of vehicles

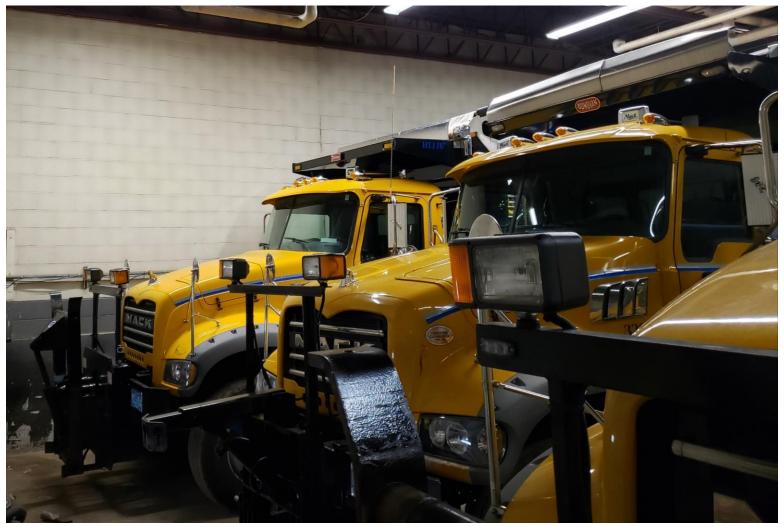
Inadequate clearance on sides of vehicles



Inadequate interior storage for the multi-million dollar fleet and equipment



Undersized storage for vehicles and equipment



Inadequate interior storage for the multi-million dollar fleet and equipment



Unprotected vehicle/equipment storage due to undersized facility







Inadequate storage results in a portion of the multi-million dollar fleet and equipment being stored outdoors

#### **Summary of Deficiencies**

- The existing facilities have exceeded their useful life with no significant improvements
- Existing buildings do not comply with today's Building Code and OSHA requirements
  - No code compliant sprinkler system
  - Not ADA accessible or accessible to all town residents, visitors, and employees
  - No fire separation
  - Inadequate egress
- Toilet facilities do not meet current Plumbing Code (no segregated toilet facilities)
  - Facility does not have shower facilities which are code required for an industrial facility
- Building does not meet current Mechanical / Electrical Code
- Operational inefficiencies due to space constraints
  - Inadequate storage areas
  - Inadequate employee facilities
  - Inadequate material storage areas
  - Undersized maintenance area
  - Safety concerns for staff



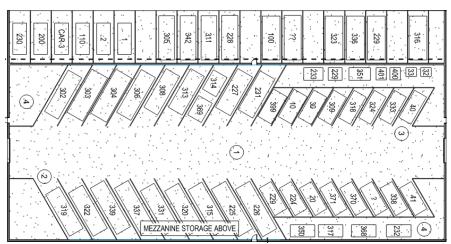


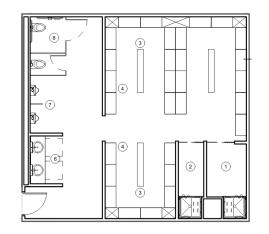
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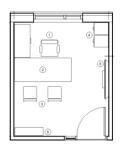


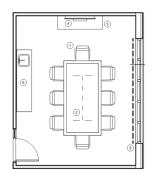
#### **Programming Process**

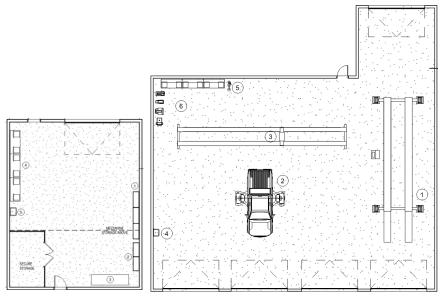
- Conducted staff interviews to verify program and code requirements
  - DPW Administration
  - Highway
  - . Fleet Maintenance
  - Cemetery / Parks
  - Water
  - Land Use Departments
- Developed a comprehensive list of vehicles and equipment
  - Prepared a Space Needs Assessment













#### **Programming Results**

Space Needs Assessment	<u>Final</u> Space Needs
Office / Office Support	5,841 SF
Employee Facilities	2,478 SF
Workshops	4,002 SF
Vehicle Maintenance	4,892 SF
• Wash Bay	1,514 SF
Vehicle & Equipment Storage	16,934 SF
Subtotal:	35,661 SF

**Completed Six (6) programming iterations** 



**Initial Concept** 











# **Benefits of an Improved / Code Compliant Facility**



#### What are the benefits?

What will an improved / code compliant facility do for the DPW, Land Use, and the community......

- Code and OSHA compliant and safe work environment for Town employees
- Consolidates Town functions (DPW and land use) in a central location to more efficiently serve the public and residents
- Protect the Town's multi-million dollar investment in vehicles and equipment
- More efficient workspace and response times to better serve the public
- Will improve employee morale and staff retention reducing costs associate with turnover (training, etc.)
- Eliminates the need to invest money (band-aids) in the existing substandard facility
- Replaces a facility long past its useful life before it becomes a mandated emergency replacement









#### **Proposed Schedule**

- Feasibility Study Previously Funded & Completed
- Phase I Request \$1,600,000 for funding of design & bidding at Fall 2023 Town Meeting
- Complete design documents (9 months)
- Obtain bids (+/- 2 months)
- Phase II Request construction funds at Fall 2024 Town Meeting / Debt Exclusion Override based on actual low bid price
- Construct Facility

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Obtain Funds for Design/Bidding																																	
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Obtain Funds for Construction																																	
Award																																	
Construction (18 months)																																	
Construction Closeout																																	



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