



Assessing Pepperell's Public Safety Needs

Pepperell Building Committee

Charge to the Building Committee

The Select Board directed the Building Committee to:

- * Address extensive deferred maintenance
- * Identify the most practical approach:
Repair, renovate or replace
- * Seek advice/feedback from the public



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Community representatives

Joseph LoBuono

Catherine Lundeen, chair

Taya Dixon Mullane, Capital Program Committee

David Querze

Town representatives

Brian Borneman, Fire Chief

Andrew MacLean, Town Administrator

David Scott, Police Chief

David Stairs, Director of Communications



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Overview

In February 2020 the Capital Program Committee determined that public safety buildings are the top priority for renewal/replacement.

This determination is largely based on:

- * Facilities exceeding their lifespan
- * Poor or inoperable condition
- * Limited possibility for repair to extend life
- * Increased risk of a safety issue
- * Increased potential for functional deficit of the program should failure occur



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Public safety building concerns

- * Buildings nearing end of useful life
- * Buildings in overall poor condition
- * Life safety risks
- * Department operations affected
- * Jersey Street Fire Station lacks systems needed for effective operation



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Problem statement

Police, Fire and Communications are struggling to operate out of facilities that are decades old and are too small, leaving them unable to safely and effectively meet operational standards.

Committee goal

Ensure our emergency service agencies have facilities that meet the Pepperell's needs in the 21st century.



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Objectives

- * Identify existing deficiencies of our current facilities
- * Establish clear requirements for public-safety facilities
- * Determine ideal operational locations
- * Assess renovation and building options
- * Take first steps needed to move toward overall goals
- * Collect information so the community can make an informed decision



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Possible paths

- * Move Police and Communications to a new police station, or co-location with fire stations.
- * Maintain two fire station locations; replace, renovate or expand Park Street and Jersey Street stations; or build new.
- * Engage an architect/engineering firm and project manager.
- * Develop conceptual designs for public safety buildings.



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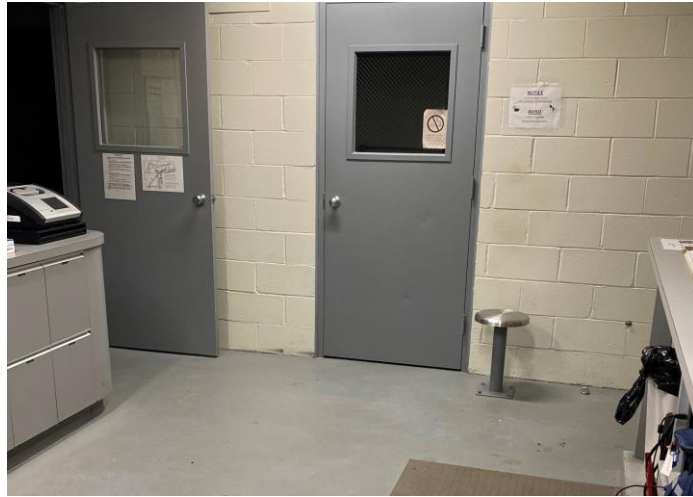
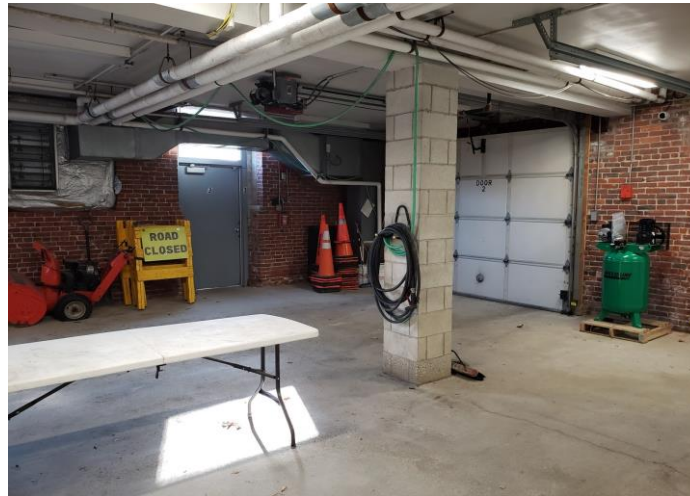
Police/Communications

Operational deficiencies

- * Inadequate detainee holding area
- * Improper processing area
- * Unsecure spaces
- * Inadequate dispatch area
- * Lack of proper training space
- * Poor parking



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Police/Communications

Functional deficiencies

- * Poor air circulation
- * Poor electrical
- * Poor plumbing
- * ADA concerns
- * No elevator
- * Energy inefficient



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Park/Jersey Street Fire Stations

Operational deficiencies

- * Undersized spaces
- * Insufficient apparatus bay
- * Inadequate living quarters
- * No bio-hazard decontamination space
- * Substandard plumbing, HVAC, electrical



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Park/Jersey Street Fire Stations

Functional deficiencies

- * Exhaust recovery
- * Inadequate HVAC
- * No fire protection
- * ADA concerns
- * Undersized building systems
- * No maintenance space



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Questions and comments



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