



Public Safety Facility Status Update

Hingham Select Board

July 5, 2022

History



- 1941** North Fire Station (Torrent) is built
- 1967** Current PD space is added on as a new wing to old high school
- 1967** Land Acquisition Committee formed to research combined Police / Fire building
- 1998** Police Headquarters moves from 169 Lincoln Street to current location
- 2001** Minor renovations to kitchen area and bathroom to North Fire Station
- 2011** South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center (SSRECC) is formed and located at 210 Central Street, resulting in a loss of approx. 1,500 square feet of office space by the Police Department
- 2012** Town Hall Study Committee is formed and begins analysis of space needs for Town Hall departments, including Police Department

History



- 2015** Feasibility study suggests that the North Fire Station building is insufficient for the operational needs of a modern fire dept. Town Meeting established a Fire Station Building Committee and appropriated \$500,000 for design costs to renovate the North Fire Station (of which, only \$33,000 was ever spent)
- 2015** During renovation planning efforts, Fire Station Building Committee finds that the existing North Fire Station is not a viable long-term solution due to space constraints and seismic requirements
- 2015** Town Hall Study Committee begins research of other new Police Department solutions, including joint Public Safety Complexes
- 2016** Fire Station Building Committee recommends to Board of Selectmen to relocate the North Fire Station
- 2017** Fire Station Building Committee researches possibility of relocating North Fire Station to 19 Fort Hill Street; complications arose regarding need for School Department relocation and response concerns relative to the rail line and immediate traffic patterns

History



- 2018** Data analysis of Fire Department call volume, response times, and population projections identified the Route 3A corridor as the most appropriate location for the North Fire Station
- 2019** Research of potential properties along the Route 3A corridor was undertaken
- 2020** 335 Lincoln Street identified as an ideal operational location for the North Fire Station and a large enough space for a joint Police / Fire public safety complex
- 2020** November 2020 – Special Town Meeting approves the purchase of 335 Lincoln Street and authorizes funding for feasibility study and conceptual design
- 2021** Annual Town Meeting authorizes funding for design development
- 2022** Design is completed. Annual Town Meeting authorizes funding for pre-construction documents. Permitting process begins.



Other Benefits

- **Obvious benefits of a modern first responder facility**
- **Senior Center could expand into Police Department space at Town Hall, at least tripling the total space**
- **Maintains Senior Center central location on Town Hall campus while avoiding the additional costs of building a new, standalone facility**
- **Frees up over 40 parking spaces at Town Hall now used by Police Department**
- **School Administration could expand into some of the vacated Police Department space, providing Superintendent and administrative support team with much needed additional office space**

Current North Fire Station (230 North Street)



Current Police Headquarters (212 Central Street)



Proposed Public Safety Facility at 335 Lincoln Street



Relocate North Fire Station from 230 North Street and Police Headquarters from Town Hall to a new, modern Public Safety Facility at 335 Lincoln Street





PSF Building Committee – Work to Date

- **Since being formed in the Summer of 2020, the Public Safety Building Committee has held 51 public meetings**
- **Hired KBA as architects and Hill as OPM**
- **Determined Police and Fire programmatic needs**
- **Completed feasibility and design development phases**
- **Engaged with Hingham Net Zero to produce an environmentally sound building**
- **Entering permitting and pre-construction documents phase**
- **Will be ready by November 1, 2022 to seek authorization to borrow for the construction of the building**