

Town of Boxford New DPW Facility – Design Phase



Existing DPW Structure

The Boxford Select Board, Finance Committee, and Permanent Building Committee are requesting residents approve funding at May 14th Town Meeting to complete the design of a new DPW Facility to replace the existing 54-year-old garage, auxiliary sheds, and trailers. The structures are in poor condition, present occupational health and safety issues, and are inadequate to meet the Town’s needs.

Residents can learn more about this project prior to Town Meeting in three main ways:

- Come to DPW Open House on Boxford Earth Day April 27th to tour the existing facility:** This is an opportunity to learn about DPW operations and their existing space.
- Attend the April 29, 2024 Public Information Session at Town Hall:** A representative from Helene-Karl Associates (HKA), the architect design firm, will present a schematic design and concept proposed for a new facility.
- Get updates on the project website: www.boxfordma.gov/NewDPW:** Website includes concepts and general information on the Permanent Building Committee’s efforts from 2022 to date.



Rendering of new DPW facility

Article 10 on the May 14, 2024 Town Meeting Warrant would authorize funding for the Permanent Building Committee to complete the design of the building, as well as obtain permits and construction bids. The request for construction funds would come at a future Town Meeting.

Funding was approved at the 2022 and 2023 Town Meetings to design and permit the access driveway to the site and to hire a designer to complete schematic design and feasibility study.

CURRENT DPW Facility Challenges include	NEW DPW Facility Design would include
Failing fuel pump depot needs to be replaced	Increase safety
No stormwater controls	Increase productivity
No vehicle wash area	Increase efficiency
Insufficient containment of hazardous materials	Protect the environment
Insufficient indoor vehicle storage	Stormwater controls
Inadequate storage requirements	Closed system vehicle wash
Deteriorating building conditions and salt shed	Secondary containment of hazardous vehicles
Code compliance issues, including OSHA	Properly designed vehicle maintenance areas
Undersized employee space including locker/shower/toilet area, & muster area	Indoor vehicle store to protect multi-million-dollar assets
Nonexistent employee space including training area	Opens up space for more recreational uses at Town Hall