

Boxford Needs a New DPW Facility

The Problem

- Our 10,500 sf DPW buildings are in poor condition and are not adequate to meet the Town needs.
- The prefabricated metal garage building is 54 years old; the salt shed is over 20 years old; the fuel island is more than 30 years old.
- The town has over \$3M in rolling stock assets that are not stored in secure, weather tight buildings. Some pieces of equipment are rusting faster because they are stored outside due to lack of space.
- The facilities and space do not meet current building codes, life safety, accessibility, or fire protection requirements. The current conditions expose the Town to potential health and safety issues.
- Proper maintenance cannot be performed due to lack of proper wash down facilities and repair bays. Current facility creates operational inefficiencies.
- Our current salt shed, and fuel island must be replaced and will be relocated to the new DPW facility site.

The Assessment

- The Town has studied and evaluated this issue for close to 20 years and developed a comprehensive plan for a new DPW facility.
- Current equipment, assets, wash/repair bays, and code compliant employee space will require approximately 25,000 sf of space in a single centralized building.
- We have evaluated multiple sites in Town which satisfy some requirements but did not meet all requirements and came with various restrictions.

The Solution

- We have a site on current Town owned land that can house a centralized DPW facility, salt shed, fuel island and necessary space to operate a modern day DPW and house all of our assets in a weather tight, code compliant building.
- We have developed a schematic design to bring forward to a full design process.
- The Town can repurpose the land on the current DPW site for recreational use.

The Process and Request

- We need to retain an architectural/engineering design firm with experience in DPW buildings to develop full construction ready drawings and specifications.
- Throughout the next phase, we will continue to work towards controlling the overall cost of the facility while still meeting the operational needs of the DPW.
- Town Meeting in May 2024 will request \$1.55M in design services to provide a full set of construction drawings, complete bid packages, and final construction costs.
- Town Meeting in May 2025 will request construction funding to build a new DPW facility.

Support Article 10 for design of a new DPW facility