

**Town of North Haven
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July 8, 2022

Re: Proposed Public Safety Building

Dear Community Members,

I'm writing to update you on the status of the proposed Public Safety Building. Voters told us in June 2021 they wanted to continue to move forward with exploring a new building to replace our existing Fire/EMS/Plow truck building.

Our current building was built and added onto over time to meet increasing demands for space. So, in planning for a proposed new building, we are trying to look out into the future, creating a design that meets not only our current needs but our future needs as well.

To keep costs down, we are planning on a prefabricated metal building with a simple shed-style roof. We will locate it on the Town's Crabtree Farm/State Pit property. Our Public Safety Building will house the Town's fire trucks and equipment, ambulance and equipment, and our snowplows. It will include meeting space, bathrooms, a kitchen, and storage space, both on the main floor and in a 25 by 80-foot loft. We will place the building close to the road for quick and easy access, but not on the road. This will give our first responders room to maneuver around the building and allow for easier maintenance of trucks and equipment. The site lines along South Shore Road exiting the State Pit are excellent in both directions.

In addition to housing trucks, the building will provide meeting and storage space. It will also serve as an emergency facility, complete with a kitchen and room for cots if people are temporarily displaced from their homes. The truck bays will have radiant heat in the floors, and trench drains under the truck to catch runoff. The office/meeting spaces will be heated and cooled with heat pumps. The building will be well insulated. We will consider solar power as well.

Assuming voters approve the design, preconstruction, and construction costs, the Town will seek appropriate financing to pay for the building. Thankfully, both Congresswoman Chellie Pingree and Senator Angus King have expressed support for the project and have included the new building in a request for federal funds. We asked for \$2.5 million in federal money. If that comes through, the cost to the town's taxpayers will be substantially less. I have estimated a \$3 million total cost; but this is a rough estimate.

You should know that our Fire Chief, Chris Stone, our EMS Chiefs, Courtney Naliboff and Jamien Shields, and our Road Commissioner, Angela Martin, have all been very helpful in looking at various design options and arriving at a building that will meet all their needs.

Likewise, our contractors, John Ricci and Will Gartley, have been great about revising designs quickly. Finally, our Select Board is enthusiastic about the project and has been both supportive and quick to make decisions.

Here is an outline of the timeframe we are working under:

Activity	Dates	Notes
Design phase	July 5 th to August 19 th	
Special Town Meeting	July 21, 2022	Vote on Preconstruction Funds
Special Town Meeting and Presentation to Town's Voters	TBD – Late August or Sept. 2022	Vote on Guaranteed Maximum Price
Town obtains financing	September 2022	
Contractor/Town orders materials	September 2022	
Prepare site, pour slab, rough-in plumbing	Fall 2022	Subject to Town obtaining financing
Construction begins	Spring 2023	
Construction completed	Fall 2023	Weather/Logistics Dependent
Occupancy	December 2023	

Please let me know if you have any questions. You may reach me by phone, 207.867.4433, or by email, adminstrator@northhavenmaine.org.

Take care,

Rick Lattimer
Town Administrator