



# Boxborough Building Committee

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT – MAY 2017

# Executive Summary

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1. At Town Meeting last year, voters were not satisfied with the combined Public Safety facility **concept and projected capital outlay.**
2. The Boxborough Building Committee (BBC) was formed to gather additional information and identify **other options** for moving forward.
3. The BBC has prioritized the needs and developed a **strategy and recommendations.**

# BBC Committee Members

BBC Members	Represented Committees	Previous *SNAG Member
<b>Vincent Amoroso</b>	Board of Selectman Member	No
<b>David Follett</b>	Conservation Commission Member	No
<b>Les Fox</b>	Board of Selectman Co-chair	Yes
<b>Ted Kail</b>	Finance Committee Member	Yes
<b>Gary Kushner</b>	Finance Committee Alternate	No
<b>John Markiewicz</b>	Planning Board Alternate	No
<b>Frank Powers</b>	Council on Aging Member	Yes
<b>Abby Reip</b>	Planning Board Member	No
<b>Hoff Stuart</b>	Conservation Commission Alternate	Yes
<b>Dilip Subramanyam</b>	Finance Committee Co-chair	Yes

*\*Space/Needs/Advisory Group (SNAG) was an advisory group and NOT an appointed/voting committee. The goal was to provide advice/insight regarding the space needs analysis for public safety facilities.*

## Previous study – SNAG (Space Needs Advisory Group)

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1. Analysis of Fire and Police showed both departments have **inadequate operations space; facilities don't meet current code.**
2. Significant **site constraints** for a single combined facility.
3. Resistance to putting both FD, PD into a **single public safety facility** - would cost additional \$4M.

# Goals of the Boxborough Building Committee (BBC)

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1. With 20 year horizon **review and assess space needs** for the Fire and Police Departments, and **include** Department of Public Works.
2. **Prioritize** needs across all three departments.
3. Survey available potential sites and **evaluate options** for new construction.
4. Recommend a **strategy** to Town Meeting.

# Space Needs Prioritization

## First Priority: Fire Department

### Why: Public Safety Risk

- *Newer trucks don't fit*
- *Oldest facility, does not meet code*
- *Inadequate space for equipment, personnel, emergency operations center*





# Space Needs Prioritization

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## **Second Priority:** Department of Public Works

### **Why:** Financial and Operations Risk

- *Second oldest facility with multiple code issues*
- *Lacks adequate covered storage space for expensive, newly acquired equipment*
- *Lacks proper space for offices, personnel and maintenance areas*



# Space Needs Prioritization

## **Third Priority:** Police Department

**Why:** Room. Code compliance.

- *Room for evidence and suspect processing*
- *Insufficient staff space and room for meetings and investigations*





## **Preliminary Recommendation #1:**

- ✓ Identify and acquire a suitable parcel of land on Massachusetts Avenue and build a new 16,470 square foot Fire Department.

# Preliminary Recommendations - Fire Department

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## Why:

- ✓ Old fire station is too small to accommodate newer equipment and properly support operations.
- ✓ Larger new FD won't fit on current site due to wetlands and other constraints; no room to expand.
- ✓ Single combined public safety facility is more than needed now and would force costly temporary relocation.

## Preliminary Recommendation #2:

- ✓ Demolish the old DPW barn and construct a new facility on existing site.
- ✓ Retain fuel depot, salt sheds.

## **Preliminary Recommendation #3:**

- ✓ Demolish old Fire Department
- ✓ Renovate and expand Police Department.

# BBC progress to date

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1. With input from Chief White, refined initial space needs for fire station.
2. Gathered input on building needs and designs from nearby towns.
3. Several potential FD sites identified.
4. First-level civil engineering feasibility assessments conducted on three sites.



# Summary

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- ✓ The BBC concludes that a **new site and facility** should be provided for the Fire Department.
- ✓ This is the **first priority** for the Town. It is the key to the best overall solution for Fire, Police and DPW facilities.
- ✓ **BBC Goal:** Article seeking town meeting approval in **December** to acquire a site for new fire station.

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Your **feedback and participation** is welcomed. All BBC meetings are open to the public and posted on the Town's website.

**Thank You**

