

# DPW Fire Station Advisory Committee

Prepared for the

Joint Meeting of Select Board, Finance Committee, Library Trustees, School Committee, DPW Fire Station Advisory  
Committee

September 14, 2016, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM @ Town Room

# Purpose

The committee is charged with the responsibility of providing advice to the Town Manager, and through the Town Manager to the Select Board, JCPC, and Town Meeting on the options and preferred alternatives for construction of a DPW facility and an Amherst South Fire Station.

The Committee shall:

- Review relevant studies and recommendations;
- Understand the Town's Master Plan;
- Undertake additional analysis and seek input into the most appropriate locations;
- Undertake an update of the cost of a DPW facility and a Fire Station as envisioned on the preferred sites;
- working with the Town Manager and Finance Director, understand the options for financing these projects, including bonding, grants, sale of real estate, and other alternative sources of funding;
- With the Finance Director and JCPC understand the debt structure of the community including other projects which are approved but may not yet be bonded;
- Develop alternatives for funding these projects at the earliest possible date in a manner to have the least impact on the taxpayers of Amherst;
- The Committee shall complete this phase of the project by 12-31-17, and shall remain in existence until 12- 31-18 in order to advocate for the funding and development of these projects before Town Meeting.

# Members

- Gray-Mullen, Peter (Vice-Chair)
- Gray-Mullen, Christine
- Griesemer, Lynn (Chair)
- Mone, Edward
- Moran, Kay
- Mullin, William
- Ricard, Robert

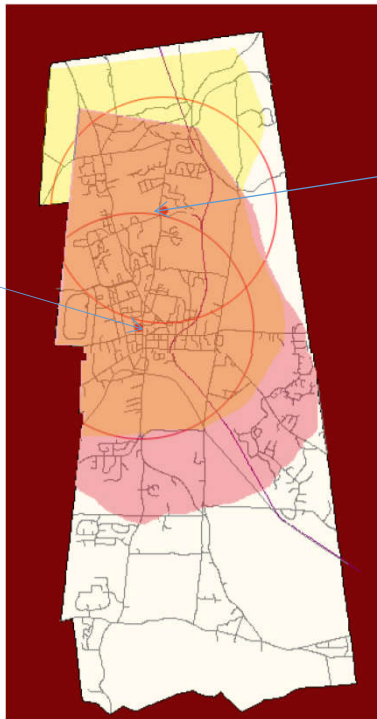
# Committee's Work to Date

- Meetings held (8 since creation in May 2016): 5/19; 6/9; 6/15; 6/30; 8/19; 8/23; 8/25; and 9/7.
- Reviewed Relevant Studies
- Town Manager assigned Guilford Mooring as OPM (Owner's Project Manager) for the initial phase of the Fire Station Feasibility Study including the development of an Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to conduct a Fire Station Feasibility Study.
- Advertised, received, reviewed 11 proposals and are in process of negotiating with a contractor to conduct a Fire Station Feasibility Study.
- Reviewed and will negotiate phase two of the DPW study.

# Fire Station Site & Building Assessment Work, August 2006

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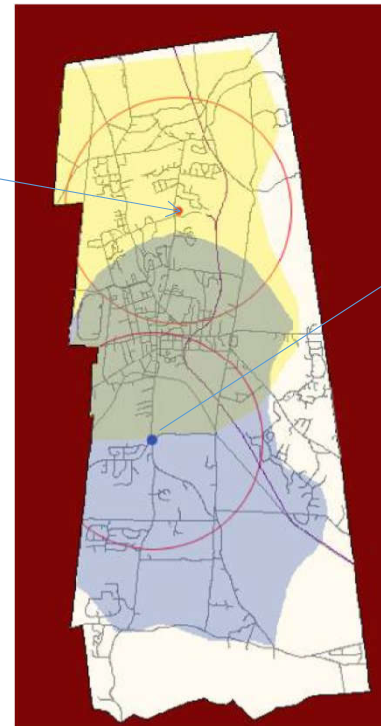
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Central  
Station

North  
Station

**Proposed Status**

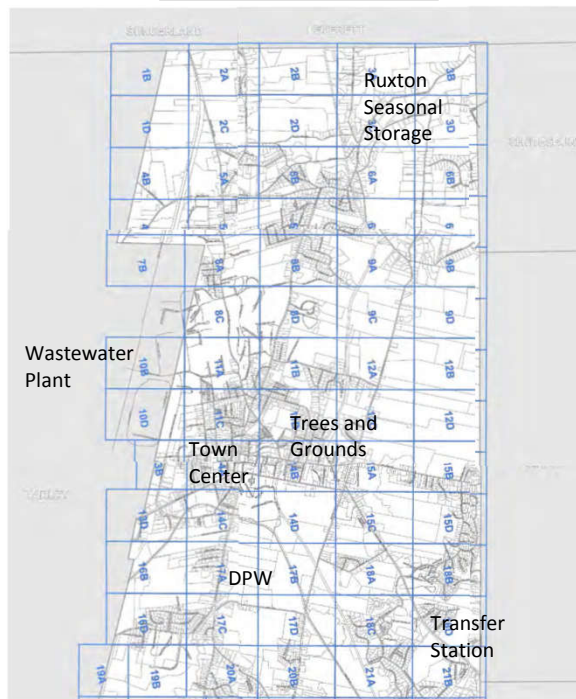


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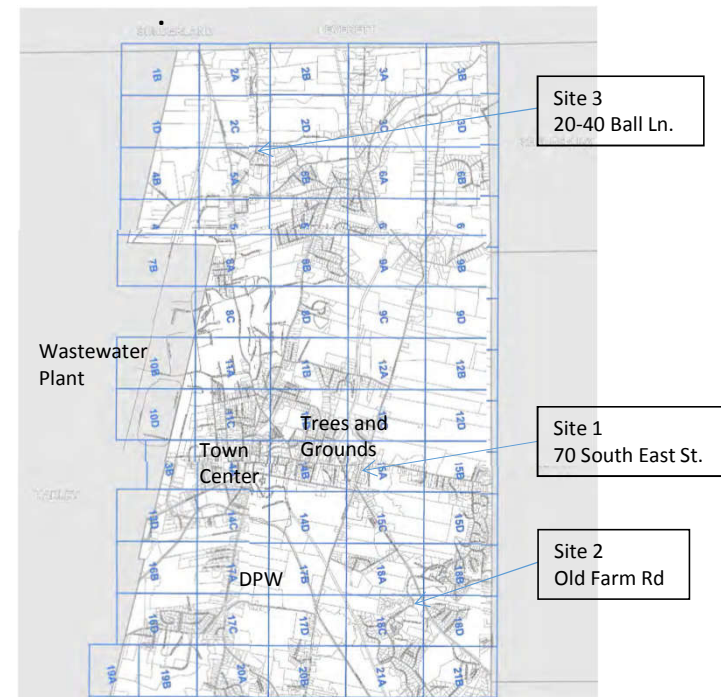
# Amherst Department of Public Works Study, March 2016

<http://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34168>

Current Status



Three Top Options



# Next Steps and Estimated Costs

## Fire Station & Headquarters

- Total Project Budget Estimate for Design & Construction (based on \$500-590/sf)      \$11-13M
- Based on 22,000 SF facility (concept from 2006 study)
- *Next Step – Fall TM Warrant Article to fund \$75,000 Feasibility Study*
- *Future – Spring TM Request to fund Next Design Phase – Schematic*

## Dept. of Public Works Facility

- Total Project Budget Estimate for Design & Construction (based on 2016 study \$480/sf)      \$38M
- Based on 79,000 SF facility located at preferred site – existing Fort River School
- *Next Step – Fall TM Warrant Article to fund partial Schematic Design Phase – \$350,000*