

What does the DPW do?

Repair, maintenance & street sweeping of all Town roadways and sidewalks

Drainage system maintenance, repair, and replacement

Emergency response for snow removal, wind storm damage, water breaks, road hazards, flooding and post-accident road cleanup



Maintenance of Town sanitary sewers

Town tree maintenance and removal

DPW vehicle and equipment maintenance

Town water supply maintenance

Maintenance and grooming of public grounds

Maintenance of Town owned buildings

Maintenance of Town municipal grounds

Project History

The current DPW building was constructed in 1960. In 1998, a metal building replacement structure was completed. Since then, only minimal improvements have been made to the building.

In 2013, a DPW feasibility study was completed. This study was updated in 2014.

This year, a new committee was formed to review and update the previous studies. Based on the input from the newly formed town committee, the building size and configuration was changed to reduce costs.

The Town feels that this proposed facility meets the current needs of the Department of Public Works and will lead to more efficient operations resulting in better service to the Town.

We invite you to contact the Town for more information regarding this project.



Town of Ashburnham



Proposed

Department of Public Works Facility Project

The Town's existing Department of Public Works Facility, inadequate and inefficient for decades, needs to be replaced. In 1960, when the facility was built, the population was approximately 2,700. Today, the same facility is serving a population of approximately 6,000. In 2006, a town focus committee recognized the need to replace the existing facility. Since that time, several studies were completed verifying the need for an upgraded/new DPW Facility. We have completed a proposal for a new facility that we believe will meet both residents' and the department's needs for years to come.

Why does Ashburnham need a new facility?



Existing facility built in 1960 with minimal upgrades since that time

Current facility is outdated and inefficient for today's needs

Vehicle and equipment types and sizes have changed significantly since the facility was constructed

Maintenance bays are inadequate in size and number

Building lacks proper ventilation, heating and drainage

Building lacks proper employee facilities such as locker, shower and toilet facilities

Inadequate space for vehicle and equipment storage needs resulting in a diminished equipment life by 3-5 years



What are the benefits of the move to a new facility?

Improved efficiency of all DPW services, including response times to emergencies

Improved safety and universally accessible for staff with a building code, ADA, and OSHA compliant building

Safer roads for the public with faster response times during storms

Extended vehicle and equipment life from indoor storage requiring less costly maintenance

A fully ADA compliant site with proper drainage and pollutant control

Elimination of investment in repairs to an existing sub-standard DPW Facility

Sample Photo of Cost Effective Covered Storage for a portion of the Multi-Million Dollar Fleet



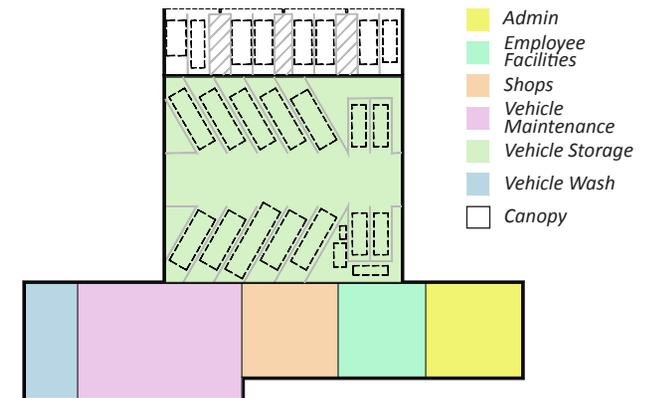
Sample photograph of indoor Vehicle Storage



What is Proposed?



Rendering of Proposed Building & Site



Overall Floor Plan - Not to Scale

Overall Site Plan - Not to Scale

