

ASHBURNHAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHAT DOES THE DPW DO FOR THE COMMUNITY?

They are responsible for the roads we drive on, the sidewalks we walk on, the public grounds we play on, and the water we rely on including:

- Repair, maintenance and street sweeping of all town roadways and sidewalks
- Drainage system maintenance, repair, and replacement
- Town tree maintenance and removal
- Maintenance of Town sanitary sewers
- Town water supply maintenance
- Maintenance and grooming of public grounds and cemeteries
- Maintenance of Town owned buildings

They are on call 24 hours a day to protect the community during emergencies including:

- Snow and ice storms
- Flooding conditions
- Water service breaks and leaks
- Removal of road hazards; pothole repair
- Cleanup after traffic accidents
- Windstorm cleanup
- Support of other Town emergency departments



Loading Sand for an Impending Snowstorm



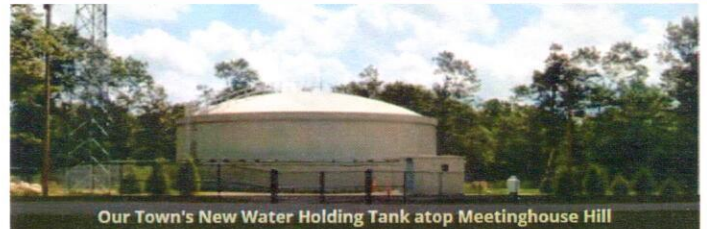
And Removing Snow & Ice in the Winter



Another Responsibility is Summertime Repaving



Care and Maintenance of all Public Grounds and Cemeteries



Our Town's New Water Holding Tank atop Meetinghouse Hill

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW DPW FACILITY?

Today's DPW is working out of a facility that was built in 1960 for a 1960's era DPW workforce and fleet.

- Spaces are undersized and inefficient
- Buildings lack basic systems such as adequate ventilation
- Employee support spaces (locker/shower/toilet facilities) are undersized and quite frankly unacceptable
- Buildings do not meet current building code requirements and regulations
- Undersized spaces pose safety concerns for employees
- Storage of the Town's multi-million dollar fleet is inefficient posing safety concerns for staff and delays in responding to the needs of the community.



WHAT IS PLANNED?

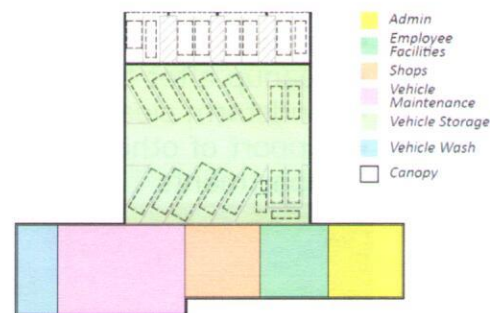
- Construction of a new cost effective and efficient DPW facility located off of Williams Road:
 - Cost effective pre-engineered metal building
 - Use of canopy storage for a portion of the fleet in lieu of enclosed heated storage to help minimize construction costs
 - Properly sized vehicle maintenance bays to safely maintain the Town's fleet
 - New fabric salt storage structure to protect the storage of salt and prevent runoff into the environment
- Proper vehicle washing facilities to meet the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations
- The new DPW facilities will:
 - Provide protection for the DPW's multi-million fleet
 - Provide appropriate working facilities for the entire staff
 - Promote safe and efficient DPW operations



Conceptual Site Plan



Rendering of Proposed Building & Site



Conceptual Floor Plan

WHAT ARE THE COST IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT?

- Projected Tax Rate Impact: \$0.42 per thousand
- Average Single Family Home Value: \$205,000
- Project will result in an increase of approximately \$87 per year to the average single family home

BENEFITS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ASHBURNHAM COMMUNITY:

- Protection of Town's multi-million dollar fleet of vehicles and equipment which will extend the life of the equipment and reduce capital investment costs
- Safe and efficient work areas and support spaces for our Town staff
- More efficient response time to emergencies
- Improved internal communications + enhanced supervision on site
- Improved storage and maintenance of vehicles + equipment
- Energy efficient + sustainable building components
- More environmentally sensitive building & site features
- Efficient building = reduced non-productive labor = efficient use of Town resources
- Elimination of investment in repairs to the existing sub-standard DPW Facility