



**Public Safety Facility and Community Park Project
Proposed \$2,900,000 Bond
For Town Meeting March 6**



Executive Summary

Project Overview

The proposed public safety facility calls for an expansion of the existing fire station, the co-location of a new police station under the same roof, a large community room, and site improvements to Lot 1. The proposed new building is projected to be approximately 14,000 square feet. The fire department space will total 8,408 sq ft and provide two (2) additional bays, one (1) ambulance bay, EMT quarters, along with office and storage space. The police station is designed at 4,189 square feet and will include a garage/sally port, processing/detention area, squad room, office space, and a secure storage area. The community room area is expected to be 2,396 sq. ft – an area roughly the size of the Town Hall community room. The site plan for Lot 1 includes a park, bus stop, and park & ride facility.

Project History

The 2000 Town Report stated that both the police and fire departments had outgrown their facilities (these are the same facilities they currently use) and the strategic plans for both departments include the objective of expanding and co-locating the two (2) facilities. Beginning in 2005, preliminary plans for a combined fire and police station were developed and in 2009 those plans were presented at a public meeting. In 2010 schematic plans were finalized; a cost estimate was presented and discussed at a Selectboard meeting; and a Lot 1 Committee was formed to determine uses for the park space. On November 7, 2011, after listening to a presentation from the police and fire departments, the Selectboard agreed to place a ballot item on the 2012 Town Meeting Warning for voter approval of a 20-year bond to complete the project.

Project Cost

The total project cost is estimated at a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,900,000 and would be financed with a 20-yr bond (current interest rates are about 3.5%). The Town's annual repayment obligation would be greatest in FY2014 and that total first year payment would be \$241,000 and the annual obligation to the Bond Bank would decrease each year thereafter. Bond payments would also be offset by the application of any fire and police impact fees collected by the Town. The table below shows the amount Hinesburg property tax payers would be responsible for paying towards the repayment of the bond. The amount does not figure in any reduction due to the application of impact fees.

<u>100K</u>	<u>200K</u>	<u>250K</u>	<u>300K</u>
\$47	\$95	\$118	\$142

More Information

- Visit:
- 1) <http://www.hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project>
 - 2) <http://www.hinesburgfd.org>



Fire/Police Co-Location Timeline

- 1998 Selectboard discussion and approval of Fire Department remaining on current site and addition to Fire Station, Planning Commission approval 1999, fund raising through 2000.
- 2000 Fire Station addition on west side.
- 2001 Police Station property purchased as interim location with long range plan to co-locate with Fire Department in expanded facility.
- 2005 Fire Department Strategic Plan included need for addition to Fire Station by 2010
- 2007 Conceptual plans for use of Lot 1 (town owned property around Fire and Police stations)-presented at several Selectboard meetings, Planning Commission, Village Steering Committee, and other committees
- 2008 In order to submit American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant application, Selectboard authorized development of conceptual plans for expanded Fire Station to include space for Police Department; plans presented and reviewed at several Selectboard meetings.
- 2009 Public meeting held in September to present the plans prior to submitting Grant application that was not successful
- 2010 Selectboard authorized formation of Lot 1 Committee to determine uses for Lot 1; a consultant was hired and plans were reviewed at several Selectboard meetings. Plans based on expanded Fire Station.
- 2011 Public meeting held in January to present Lot 1 selected alternative plan; Subsequent preliminary stormwater analysis completed based on this plan. November 2011 Selectboard review of project and approval of bond vote at March 2012 Town Meeting.