

Municipal Building Project

Frequently Asked Questions

- [Outline of Process](#) from 2018 to March 2024
- Weston & Sampson did a current [feasibility study](#).
- Weston & Sampson did a [space needs assessment](#).
- Weston & Sampson provided several possible building and parking layouts on the site - click [here](#) to see some of them.
- Weston & Sampson provided an *initial draft* [floorplan](#) based on the needs assessment.
- Weston & Sampson provided an updated floorplan in response to feedback from the committee, along with their ESTIMATED costs per square foot for these plans.

Weston & Sampson have provided these services with the approval of the Selectboard and Municipal Building Committee.

- **Why is the current building not usable?**

- water/mold problems

- space not usable in current layout (ie meeting rooms)

- not enough space (impact fee calculation done in 2022 outlines spaces expected for a town our size)

- no room for growth

- lack of amenities (ie kitchen and fitness for PD)

- never designed correctly for the departments using it (“make it work with what we have”)

- lack of CJIS compliance

- **Have you considered xyz location?**

- BRC = direct 125 access, good test pits (no ledge, water table low)

- Scrabble Rd = not good access to 125, residential road not ideal for quick travel

- Middle Rd (back side of rec) = cost of putting a road in prohibitive

- Byea (Middle Rd) = has to be a hay field, no permanent structures allowed

- Fire Station = limited to 40yr growth plan, size/shape of lot awkward, not about panels

- **Why is it so expensive?**

- estimate from Norwich based in 2018 on projected numbers for 2022 (\$300/sqft), no one could have predicted the inflation (esp in building costs)

- square footage plan for just PD then (~7200 sqft) was based on much lower per sqft projection, cost estimates per sqft have been suggested at \$400-\$800 in the current building market

- **Why both functions in one building? Why not just PD?**

- renovation of current building for single use by either Town Offices OR PD would incur expenses for required updating to meet code (elevator, stairs, sprinklers, basically total gut for redistribution of spaces)

- still wouldn't have required space for either (2022 Brentwood Impact Fee Report)

- separate facilities = duplication of necessary spaces like meeting rooms, restrooms, secure storage, etc.

- **Where can I get more information?**

- check out brentwoodnh.gov/newBuilding for upcoming meeting info, past meeting minutes, and more

- monthly in-person FAQ sessions to ask questions

- monthly committee meetings (streamed/recorded to Town YouTube Channel)