

# PROPOSED POLICE STATION – *Raymond Police*

During the summer of 2015 we requested funds through the Town of Raymond’s Capital Improvements process to fund the necessary steps in developing a new police facility. Through the budget process, this request was supported and became funded after the town vote in March of 2016.

In April 2016, the Board of Selectmen formed a New Police Station Committee comprised of Selectman Jack Barnes, Selectman Jonathan Wood, Police Chief David Salois, Police Captain Mike Labell, Town Manager Craig Wheeler and Public Works Director Steve Brewer.

Members met weekly and began to develop an RFP (Request for Proposals) to hire a firm to conduct a Space Needs Assessment. Once developed, the RFP was issued, with ten firms responding. Interviews were conducted, and Harriman Associates was hired to perform the study. Part of the Space Needs Assessment was to evaluate our existing facility to determine if it would support an addition. After the engineering team from Harriman Associates studied our facility, they concluded it would not be cost effective to add on to or rehabilitate our existing facility.



Harriman Associates also issued a Space Needs Assessment outlining the current space needs of the department, including growth for the next 25 years. The resulting cost estimate exceeded nine million dollars. (\$9 million). The committee, which had through the months expanded to include Fire Chief Kevin Pratt, resident Sally Paradis, resident Allisa Welch, Community Development Director Ernie Creveling and Dispatch Supervisor William Wyner, concluded that \$9 million would not be supported by the taxpayers.

Thus, the committee re-evaluated the space programming, taking advantage of several efficiencies to include creating multipurpose areas, removing two growth positions and creating a footprint that would be more efficient to build. The square footage was reduced to 15,000 square feet, resulting in a reduced final cost of \$6.8 million.

In conjunction with the Space Needs Assessment, Municipal Resources, Inc., conducted a study of the Police Department relating to life safety issues. Senior Consultant/Retired Methuen Chief Bruce MacDougall confirmed the existence of significant safety issues related to the booking, entry and exit, and layout of our existing facility.

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20 year bond tax impact  
3.25% interest rate – Level Debt (1/2017)

2016 Assessed Valuation: \$923,356,261

Year	Rate per Thousand	Home Assessed Value	Home Assessed Value
		\$200,000.00	\$300,000.00
		Annual Impact	Annual Impact
1	\$0.525	\$106	\$159

The committee agreed to locate the new police station at our existing campus, on the former site of the skateboard park. This keeps all the safety services on the existing campus and offers flexibility with the new police station design. Most importantly, the land would not need to be purchased, keeping down the cost of a new facility.

The committee presented to the Selectmen a proposal for building a new police station on the current campus located on the former skateboard park, and bonding \$6.8 million for construction. The Selectmen agreed to support the new police station and place it on the ballot next March. The tax impact, based on a 25-year bond, is \$.64 per thousand or \$192 on a house assessed at \$300,000, as depicted in the above illustration.

The committee thinks this proposal is the best value for the town moving forward. A video was created by resident Art Wolinsky that depicts our space needs. A link to this video, titled The Clutter, can be found with other information at [www.raymondnhpolice.com](http://www.raymondnhpolice.com). For questions, tours of our current facility or other information regarding the Proposed New Police Facility, please visit our website [www.raymondnhpolice.com](http://www.raymondnhpolice.com) or follow us on Facebook – RaymondNHPolice