

Executive Summary - New Fryeburg Municipal Complex

The Town of Fryeburg is in the advanced planning stages of the construction a new Municipal Complex. The complex will house the Town Office, Fire Department and Police Department, and will be located on property that abuts the Public Works Garage and the Recreation Community Center. This will create a centralized location for the majority of the town's vital functions.

In June of 2022, town voters approved the purchase of the property where the municipal complex will be located and approved of the use of funds to complete the project design. The voter support of the project affirmed the need for the new facility.

The current Town Office, Fire Department and Police Station are lacking in many ways and both the 1994 and 2014 Comprehensive Plans refer to the deficiencies. Office space, storage space and meeting space are all lacking. The buildings are not fully ADA compliant, code compliant or compliant with many specific regulations and mandates that each department is subject to. The options of expanding or improving the current locations are virtually non-existent.

The future municipal complex will be designed to be energy efficient and low-maintenance, with future departmental/town growth in mind to ensure that the building meets the towns needs for many years to come. This will all be done with an underlying goal to minimize impacts to tax payers as much as possible and for the final building to be a source of pride for the Townspeople.

Port City Architects is currently working on a design concept that will meet the goals outlined above. The floor plan of the building has been established and the exterior design is forthcoming. The building will be an approximately 29,000 sq. ft. single story structure. There will be numerous meetings spaces, ample storage, and well-designed flow for visitors and staff alike. Functional layout will allow the Police Department and Fire Department to be better situated for rapid response and operate with continuity, even in natural disasters. Future growth of the departments has been accounted for with additional office spaces. There will be many features aimed to better serve the residents of the town.

As the region grows, so does the need to maintain essential services; town employees need to be provided with the spaces and tools to do so. The Municipal Complex will provide opportunity to not only maintain services, but to improve them. The town and staff are ready to move forward on this project which will serve the needs of the Town for decades to come.