



TOWN OF CANTON

NEW COLLINSVILLE FIRE/EMS STATION

The Town of Canton is proposing to replace the Collinsville Fire Station that was constructed in 1971. The station has changed very little since it was originally constructed. Currently it has two full bays and two short (three quarter) bays. The station has two floors and no ADA compliant access to the second floor. The total square footage of the building measures 9,483 square feet.

BACKGROUND

On July 8, 2015 the Board of Selectmen created a committee to study the Collinsville Fire Station. The committee rendered a report to the Board of Selectmen in April 2017 which found that the existing fire station did not have the necessary space for fire apparatus, equipment or staffing. The committee recommended that the current fire station be removed and a new fire station be constructed in what is currently the Dyer Little League softball field.

The Board of Selectmen referred the committee's recommendation to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC). PMBC worked with Town Staff, Fire/EMS Department personnel and a professional architectural firm to design a new, single level fire station. The proposed new Fire Station will have five full bays, additional storage areas and private sleeping quarters for overnight EMS shifts. The total square footage of the proposed building would measure 14,080 square feet. In December 2020, a Town Meeting approved a grant and additional funding to rebuild the Dyer Little League field on vacant property at the Canton High School.

New Proposed Collinsville Fire/EMS Station



Conceptual Site Plan



The cost of the new Fire Station will be \$5,400,000. The estimated cost of this new debt to a taxpayer owning a median assessed house in Canton (\$255,100 assessment) would be \$85.41 for the first year, decreasing slightly annually thereafter over the 20 year life of the bond. Prior to the referendum, there will be a Town Meeting on October 20, 2021 at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium. There will be a presentation of the proposal and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment. The Town Meeting will then be adjourned and residents and qualified voters will be able to vote on the following question at the November 2nd general election:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF CANTON APPROPRIATE \$5,400,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION AT 51 RIVER ROAD TO HOUSE THE TOWN’S FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING TESTING AND ANALYSIS, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FIRE STATION AND SITE WORK AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,400,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?”

Additional information can be located at the following page on the Town web site:

<https://www.townofcantonct.org/firehouse-referendum>