
Municipal Building Study Committee 2018 annual report

The Board of Selectmen formed the Municipal Building Study Committee on August 20, 2018. The Committee is to serve as an executive committee that oversees development of the building project as a whole. The membership comprises stakeholders in the various facility locations and expert citizens. As resources for the Committee, the Town has retained CGA Project Management, LLC, Fall River, Massachusetts, and the volunteered services of Architect Edward Rowse, East Providence, Rhode Island. A website is kept current about the committee's activities: <https://www.town.rehoboth.ma.us/municipal-building-study-committee>.

In late fall 2018 the Committee consulted department heads, other workers, and town officials. The result was a detailed itemization of space needs by function, that meet service requirements, codes, and standards. The consulting architect then drew up conceptual floor plans. These are planned as separate structures: a new Police facility, the existing public safety building modified to house the Fire Department/Station One, a new Town Hall, and a new Animal Shelter. In December, the BOS accepted the Committee's recommendation that this time we should present a full architectural design to the voters including actual bids, so all details and costs are known. The previous approach presented only conceptual plans and estimated costs. The detailed plan will include site development for a municipal building complex located centrally on land the town owns around the current public safety building on Highway 118.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Barresi, Chair of the Committee