

# WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX PROJECT

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## Project Update

Greetings from the Public Safety Complex Building Committee! Since our previous newsletter, the former Helen E. James School building was removed without problems, the site was prepared, and ground was broken on our new Public Safety building. After excavation and soil preparation, contractors installed underground sanitary piping, floor drains, and electrical conduits throughout the footprint. The lead contractor, Forish Construction, poured foundation walls and floors. Framing gave us the outline of the building and trusses are going up now. Exterior sitework for stormwater management has been on-going and preparation for utilities such as power and sewer is nearly complete. The roofer is expected to begin work by the end of December. 📷 [Chief Connell, Nov. '22]



## Apparatus Bay

One important feature of the building includes a heated floor in the apparatus bay, where all the trucks are parked. Heating is done with a series of tubes embedded in the floor slab that contain a liquid that is heated, allowing heat to radiate up through the space during cold months. This is an efficient method for supplying heat to the floor. A heated floor will extend the longevity of the department's vehicles and provide a safe walking surface. 📷 [Rob T., Nov. '22]



## Project Timeline: Demolition & Construction

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Demo of HEJ building (complete).....            | July 25, 2022  |
| Construction of the new PSC & site (begin)..... | July 25, 2022  |
| New concrete foundation.....                    | November 2022  |
| Vertical wood construction.....                 | December 2022  |
| Project Complete.....                           | September 2023 |

## Contact Us or Learn More

Should you have any questions or comments for the Committee, please feel free to reach out to Nicholas Caccamo, Town Administrator at [townadmin@burgy.org](mailto:townadmin@burgy.org) or by calling 413.268.8418

All documents relating to the project are available on the Town webpage: <https://www.burgy.org/public-safety-complex-building-committee-pscbc>

The full set of construction documents is available at the Town Office for viewing during office hours.

## Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)

Because Williamsburg wrote a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan for coping with future climate changes, we were able to apply for a grant under the MVP program. We secured funding of approximately \$1.8M from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that specifically funds certain energy-efficient provisions in the building. Thanks to this grant, the Town is now able to borrow about \$500,000 less than originally anticipated to fund the overall project. Notable elements now covered by the state grant include the radiant flooring in the apparatus bay, building insulation beyond base building codes, an electric heating and cooling system, lighting controls, and features of the site related to green stormwater management, native plantings, and wetlands restoration. Lastly, the grant includes covering the costs of a solar array system for both the roof and potential canopy-mounted solar panels. The specific design regarding all things solar will be explored after procuring an engineering firm that specializes in such work. 📷 [Clerk Lessard, Aug. '22]



## Project Look Ahead

So, what's next? Through the remainder of the year, Forish Construction will continue assembling the structure. Significant site work will slow as the cold weather continues to strengthen but will resume in the Spring of 2023. We are still anticipating final completion by late Summer of 2023. 📷 [Chief Connell, Dec. '22]

