New Building Update

Greetings from the Public Safety Complex Building Committee! We’re excited to bring you updates on the Town’s newest project. Since Town meeting earlier this year, the project has advanced into the next phase called Design Development. Since the general building size and location was determined last year, the current design phase has been focused on more details related to the site and minor spatial adjustments in the interior. Currently the objectives are to solidify the following before we further advance the project into what’s referred to as the Construction Documents phase, or detailed design phase.

- Site plan, including parking lot layout, and ingress and egress of emergency vehicles.
- Floor plan, and equipment layout
- Stormwater drainage layout and calculations
- Building mechanical and energy options

Before the project moves to the detailed design phase, the architect will be proposing building facade options, textures and treatments for both interior and exterior. The team is fully committed to bringing continuous updates to the Town regarding these decisions.

Helen E. James School Building Update

The team continues to develop the scope and documents related to the demolition of the building. At this point, a timeline for the demolition has not been determined. It will either be put out to bid separate from the new building scope, or may be inclusive of the new project.

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Project Timeline: Design and Bidding

The team has kept a healthy pace and will continue to advance the design through the remainder of the summer months. Although more discussions need to be had regarding actual construction timeline, we anticipate that solicitations for demolition and new construction bids will be ready to publish by the end of 2021, early 2022. Further details regarding the anticipated schedule will be available in the next newsletter publication.
Site Plan: In Process

Over the past few months, the site plan has developed into what is shown here. One key goal of the design is to ensure ideal sightlines for emergency vehicle egress from the bays which face Main Street. Trucks will exit from the bay doors and egress directly on to Main Street. When returning, the trucks will enter the property via South Street and drive back to the bay doors along a dedicated driveway. Adjacent to the building’s front façade is the parking lot for emergency personnel and visitors. The project will include small scale landscaping and accents. It’s the intent of the team to maintain some of the existing trees on site as long as they are considered safe, and do not impede on the new construction, key goals or requirements of the site design.

Contact us:

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 or by calling 413.268.8418. Information is also available on the Town website at www.burgy.org, via the Public Safety Complex tab.