

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions for the Proposed Public Safety Building, Williamsburg, MA

Q15. How will the Town pay for the proposed Public Safety building options?

A. Over the years the Town has saved money for this project in its Stabilization Fund. The Committee recommends that we spend \$1 million dollars from the Town Stabilization Fund and borrow the remaining funds. The Town would take out a loan over a 20-year period at a predicted interest rate of 2 to 3%. We would begin to pay back the loan possibly in 2022.

Over the next two years the Town will pay off existing debts for Highway Department building improvements, a highway truck, and a fire truck. This will increase the Town's ability to pay about \$103,000 per year toward future loans without raising taxes.

The Town has also started to receive additional revenue from three new solar electricity installations. Tax payment agreements for these projects are for 20 years and they equal about \$133,000 of revenue for the Town each year and are also possible revenue to help pay for the safety complex loans. The Finance committee will be looking at all these factors to help reduce the effect of the safety complex loan repayment on the tax payers.