



## Town of Wilmington Public Safety Facility



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Both the Wilmington Fire Department and the Wilmington Police Department are asking the voters of Wilmington to support the funding for a new public safety facility.

In August of 2011, Hurricane Irene devastated Wilmington, destroying dozens of homes, and businesses. Also damaged were both the Wilmington police and fire stations. The destruction was so severe, the police department was forced to rent a temporary location until their station was deemed safe to reuse after the water damage had been repaired. The Wilmington Fire Department was not so lucky. The fire apparatus continued to be garaged at the firehouse, while the remainder of the facility was stripped down to the bare studs and repaired. The day to day operations of the Wilmington Fire Department were adapted throughout the reconstruction, but were severely hindered.

After Hurricane Irene, FEMA recommended both the Wilmington Police and Fire Department be relocated outside the flood plain of the Deerfield River. Almost ten years later and after countless hours have been spent by volunteers, and with input from both the police and fire department personnel, a new public safety facility has been designed.

The Wilmington Police and Fire Departments are asking for your support in funding the new facility to be located at 40 Beaver Street.

Not only is this a fiscally responsible solution to the current outdated and under-sized police and fire department facilities, this is also a wise and prudent use of land already owned by the town. Please support the men and women who respond to all types of emergencies, in all types of weather and situations.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON ARTICLE 15.

The biggest question is what will it cost? That answer is no more than \$5,500,000 over a 20-year bond. The bond *principle* is estimated to be \$275,000 per year, plus interest (rate is currently around 2.01%) on a 20-year note, for a full payment due in the second year estimated at \$358,680, with payments declining annually to a final payment of \$279,125 due in 2042. It is estimated that the first year of the bond in FY2022, a homeowner with a home valued at \$200,000 will pay approx. \$20 extra (Interest only in Year 1); \$100 extra in Year 2 and decreasing to approx. \$78 extra in year 20.



- In 2022 several loans will be retired; the Look Road Bridge, Water Study Loan and the Highway Garage Bond.
- Bond rates ARE at an all time low.
- Hard work by town department heads, the fiscal year 2022 budget is estimated to increase less than \$71,000. That's LESS than 1 cent, yes 1 penny!
- For these reasons, now is the time to consider making this project happen!!!

Now is the time to act. A project such as this increases in price by 5-7% per year. It will bring both departments into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by building spaces based on today's professional requirements, by increasing work space for both Fire and Police and by making it safer for us as 1<sup>st</sup> responders to do our jobs, caring for those who live and visit our community. Please contact Town Manager Scott Tucker, Fire Chief Scott Moore, Police Chief Matt Murano, or go to the Public Safety Facilities Committee page on the Town of Wilmington website ([www.wilmingtonvt.us](http://www.wilmingtonvt.us)) for more information. We ask for your support and to vote YES on article 15.



**ARTICLE 15**