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Fire Station Building Committee Project Updates

<p><u>March 9, 2026</u></p>	<p>The Fire Station Building Committee will meet on Wednesday to review the first draft cost estimates of a new fire station. That meeting takes place at 6:00 PM on Wednesday.</p> <p>Chief Russell, Assistant Chief Sands, and myself met with H2M last week to talk about how they'll support us with our public outreach efforts between now and Town Meeting. The Committee will expand on that discussion on Wednesday and I plan to present to the Committee a new series of information sessions now that the costs are known. If approved by the Committee on Wednesday, we'll get that list published later this week.</p> <p>& My regular reminder that folks should visit the Fire Station Building Committee's page on tyngsboroughma.gov to learn more about the project and keep up to date with key happenings and information.</p>
<p><u>Feb. 23, 2026</u></p>	<p>On February 16, 2026, the Town's designer submitted a series of submissions to the cost estimator that will shape the cost estimate. We expect to review the first pass at cost estimates at the next FSBC meeting on March 11th. We'll provide feedback and send that back to the cost estimator to further refine the number, but after March 11th we'll have a much better idea of what we're looking at from a cost perspective.</p> <p>On the public outreach front, we've wrapped up our initial outreach campaign which focused on getting residents up to speed on the project, why we're talking about it now, and how we got to the point we're at. As a part of that, the Committee hosted seven (7) public information sessions and has spent the last few weeks attending meetings of community groups really meeting residents where they're at. In total, the Committee has attended six (6) community group meetings with another tomorrow night. We're still happy to attend local group meetings so please reach out to the Town Manager's Office if you want to have us come to your meeting.</p> <p>The next phase of outreach will focus on getting to Town Meeting and the ballot box with an emphasis on the cost and showing the tax impact to residents. The Committee will discuss what that looks like at their next meeting.</p>



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	<p>I'd again remind folks to visit the Fire Station Building Committee's page on tyngsboroughma.gov to keep up to date with the project and view latest design submissions.</p>
<p><u>Jan. 26, 2026</u></p>	<p>To date, the Fire Station Building Committee has spent much of its time focusing on public outreach and bringing information to the public square. We've hosted five different information sessions including ones in the evening, morning, weekdays, weekends, and in person and virtual. We've had a steady attendance and great engagement with the folks who have attended. We still have two more planned. Our next one is at Town Hall on Wednesday, February 4th at 5 PM and the final one in this phase of our outreach is on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM virtually.</p> <p>We've also launched a direct outreach campaign to bring these information sessions to local community groups during their regular meetings. Late last week we reached out to a host of community groups and have asked to attend their next meetings to make a brief presentation. If you are a member of a community group that hasn't heard from us and would like to, please reach out to the Town Manager's Office and we'll set that up.</p> <p>Last week, the Committee met and approved the site layout and proposed floor plan. Both of those design submissions are available on the Fire Station Building Committee's page on tyngsboroughma.gov and have been since prior to their meeting on Wednesday. Our work now focuses on some of the more technical details including ironing out mechanical systems, utility connections, and grading.</p>
<p><u>Jan. 5, 2026</u></p>	<p>The Fire Station Building Committee had an off-cycle meeting last week to make a decision about whether to proceed with a single-story design or a two-story design. The Committee has spent the last two meetings discussing the pros and cons of both options with an emphasis on being cost-effective and maximizing space on the site for training and the like. The designers were able to produce a site layout which is available at tyngsboroughma.gov under the FSBC page and attached to this update that accomplishes the goals of the Fire Department and uses a single-story design to be more cost effective. For this reason, the project will advance with a single-story option.</p>



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	<p>The Committee has announced a series of public information sessions as a part of its commitment to make sure that the public has every available opportunity to learn more about the project, its progress, and to ask questions and provide feedback. The list of outreach events is below:</p> <p>January 7th at 5:00 PM - Town Hall January 10th at 10:00 AM - Old Town Hall January 14th at 6:30 PM - Virtual January 20th at 11:30 AM - Center for Active Living January 24th at 10 AM - Old Town Hall February 4th at 5:00 PM - Town Hall February 11th at 6:30 PM - Virtual</p> <p>The Committee’s next regular meeting is on Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM here at Town Hall. On Thursday, the Committee will host a working session with H2M Designers and their MEP consultants to work on the MEP program which focuses on systems related to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing.</p>
<p><u>Dec. 15, 2025</u></p>	<p>The Fire Station Building Committee received updated site layout options last week and will review those publicly at their meeting on Wednesday. Additionally, they received and will be discussing a Professional Recommendation’s report that will be available later this week on tyngsboroughma.gov.</p> <p>On the public outreach front, two weeks ago we worked with Tyngsborough Media to film a series of question & answer videos that will be published as “Shorts” on social media as well as a longer-format video with the Fire Department highlighting the challenges of the existing building with a focus on the health and safety challenges.</p> <p>On Wednesday, the Committee will be presented with a schedule of public outreach events for January & February with a focus on info sessions and station tours during a variety of time frames and across Town. The Committee will also discuss reaching out to various established community groups and asking to attend their meetings to share information and answer questions. The Committee has rightfully placed a big emphasis on public outreach and we’ll continue to make that our top priority.</p>



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Dec. 1, 2025

The Fire Station Building Committee met on November 19th with the Town's selected designer to review updates to the program and space use analysis. These two documents serve as the basis for any design and capture the needs of the department today and in the future. The Committee will provide final feedback to the designer at its next meeting on Wednesday.

Additionally, the Committee was presented with two layout options for the site at their meeting on November 19th. One site option assumed a single story building with an outbuilding. The second layout assumed a two-story building with no outbuilding. In both options, all bays are drivethrough. I met today with our DPW Superintendent Jacob Zwicker and the project designers to explore potential changes to the site layout to provide for a connection to the municipal parking lot on Kendall Road. We're early in this phase of the work but the Committee is expected to provide feedback to the designers at their meeting this week.

On a public outreach front, the Tyngsborough Firefighters Association will host a small family event at the station on Kendall Road during the Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 6 to give tours of the station and answer questions about the department's needs. Additionally, today I filmed a segment with Tyngsborough Media talking about the project background and answering some of the frequently asked questions. Chief Russell is also going to be filming a video with Tyngsborough Media talking about the health and safety issues of our current building and how they'd be addressed in a new one.

The Committee's next meeting is 6pm this Wednesday here at Town Hall. All documents related to the project, including the program and space analysis and the site layout options are available for public viewing at www.tyngsboroughma.gov.

Nov. 17, 2025

The Fire Station Building Committee met in a working session on November 4th with H2M Architects, the Town's designer. The meeting lasted close to three hours and was focused on understanding the Town's programming and space needs. The meeting was attended by most members of the FSBC. The FSBC met again for its first business meeting on November 5th. At this meeting, Adele Coughlin was elected Chair, Chief Russell was elected Vice-Chair, and Heather Sue Murphy was elected Clerk. The Committee set a long-term meeting schedule that generally



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	<p>follows an every other Wednesday schedule. We've posted all of the meetings on tyngsboroughma.gov for the Community's awareness. The Committee's next meeting is this Wednesday at 6 PM where it will provide additional information on the space and program analysis and plan outreach efforts.</p> <p>We expect to receive a site analysis & feasibility report from the designer by November 21st and the first draft of the program and space analysis by the 28th.</p>
<p><u>Nov. 3, 2025</u></p>	<p>The Fire Station Building Committee was established by the Select Board in early October 2025 and the members were appointed by this Board on October 20th. To date, we've awarded a contract to H2M Architects + Engineers which was recommended by a panel that reviewed all proposals from interested design firms. We've scheduled a kick-off meeting tomorrow morning for the designer to meet with Chief Russell and Assistant Chief Sands to better understand how the Tyngsborough Fire Department operates, its operating procedures, staffing, apparatus, and program needs. This meeting is expected to last a couple of hours and has been posted as a working session since there are no votes planned for this meeting. The first business meeting of the Fire Station Building Committee will be on Wednesday of this week. The meeting will be an organization meeting and will orient all members on the project and the Committee's role moving forward. As a reminder, at the Select Board's direction, the design will contemplate a brand new building built on the Winslow School parcel that will involve the demolition of the Winslow School.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov to learn more.</p>