



Special Newsletter

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New Dept. Public Works & School Maintenance Building



The new Department of Public Works (DPW) building was completed in early July and the Department moved in throughout the month. The construction was contracted out. Taking 18 months to complete and coming in on budget. All public building projects require a coordinated and collaborative team effort to manage a successful public project. It is important to recognize that this project would not have been possible without the commitment of Town Meeting, the Select Board, Former Town Manager Richard Montuori and the project team.

The old DPW building was built in the 1960s and was renovated in the 1980s – 40 years ago! The facilities were outdated, cramped, and failed to meet all the needs of each Division. The new facilities provide ample, designated space for each of DPW's seven Divisions: Administration, Engineering, Fleet Maintenance, Highway, Forestry, Sewer, and Water Distribution.

Organized Garages and Storage

The new building provides the School Maintenance, Highway, and Forestry Divisions with individual garages for storage and workshops.



Each designated garage is outfitted with a 20 ton overhead crane for lifting equipment to service or store on the second floor mezzanine.



The Fleet Maintenance Division has the largest garage, which also has a 10 ton overhead bridge crane, as well as 10 ton, 20 ton, and 40 ton vehicle lifts. The 40 ton vehicle lift assists DPW employees in servicing the large vehicles in the Town's fleet including vital Fire Apparatus.



Many of the vehicles that comprise the DPW's fleet are stored in the remaining garages. This includes trucks used by the Highway, Forestry, Sewer and Water Divisions.



Wet Gear Laundry Machines

Employees in the DPW's Sewer Division sometimes come into contact with hazardous materials while on the job. Previously, employees had to go home to themselves clean off.



However, the new building is equipped with laundry machines and showers! These facilities save both the Town and employees valuable time and resources, ensuring that the latter can clean off all hazards before they go home.

Locker Rooms

The new building also has designated locker rooms for employees to change and shower with privacy. The lockers in the old building were in the open, which is not ideal for employees that need to change into gear to accomplish their jobs.



Stormwater Laboratory

The new building also has a laboratory, which allows the DPW to analyze the environmental impacts and patterns of stormwater in Tewksbury, helping the Engineering Division devise sustainable runoff solutions.



Increase in Meeting Spaces

The building also has provided the DPW with many new office spaces and conference rooms for Division and Departmental meetings. The DPW now has a spacious and comfortable Muster Room where the Department meets in the morning before tackling the day's responsibilities and assignments.



The table in one of the meeting rooms was also formerly the Select Board table at Town Hall. This storied piece of furniture has been present at many important decisions in Tewksbury's history and will continue to play a role in DPW decisions.



Break Room

Employees working in the Administration Division now are provided with a comfortable kitchen area for their breaks.



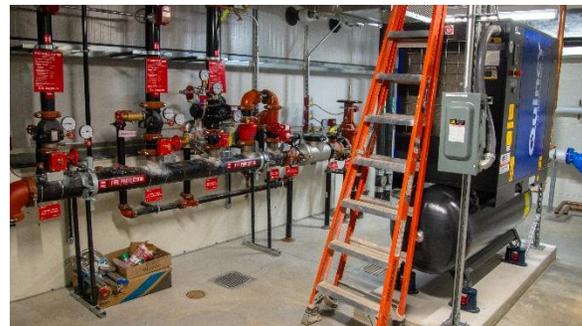
Life Improvements

The new building has improved the safety of the DPW facilities. It is outfitted with a sprinkler system in the event of fire, which the old building did not have. The fire alarms themselves were also updated.

The building also has new radio boosters to improve radio connection for Fire Department, Police Department, and DPW radios while in the building. This equipment will improve safety through timely communication within the DPW facilities.



Additionally, there have been several quality-of-life improvements in the new building. The new facility is equipped with a new and improved HVAC system for better airflow for employees and modern boilers for better and more efficient heating and temperature controls.



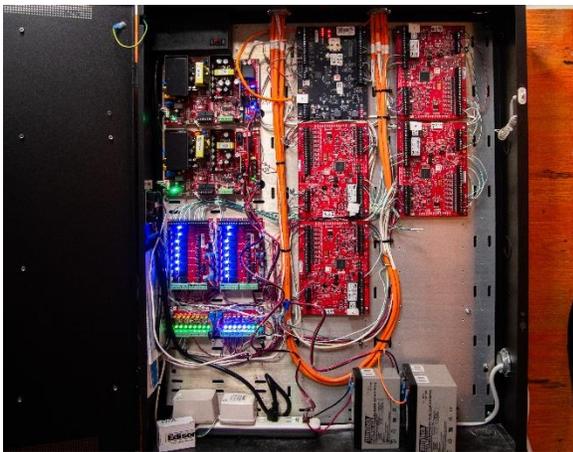
Equipment Improvements

The building is also outfitted with new equipment like the fluids room in the Fleet Maintenance garage that safely holds various kinds of oil. These fluids are conveyed to the fleet maintenance bays through a system of hydraulic hoses that

pump the oil directly into each service station.



The building has complex, modern electrical work throughout improving security and modernizing the facilities. Among these updates is a designated keycard access system for the building,



Continued Site Maintenance

The DPW continues to settle into the new building. One of the last phases is completing the site work which includes redistributing site material to create a rainwater buffer.



Vegetation will soon be planted in the soil to allow the roots to take hold and stabilize the soil. The DPW will continue to settle into its new home and take full advantage of its new and improved facilities to more efficiently improve the lives of all Town residents.

