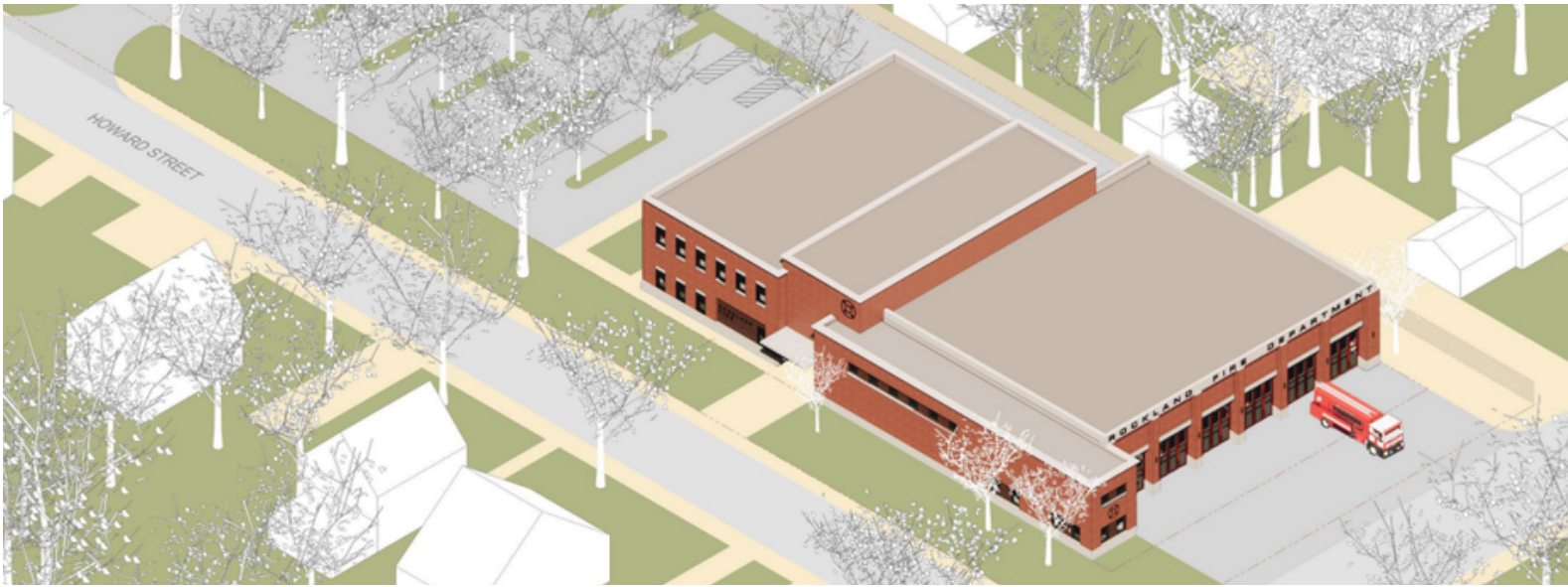
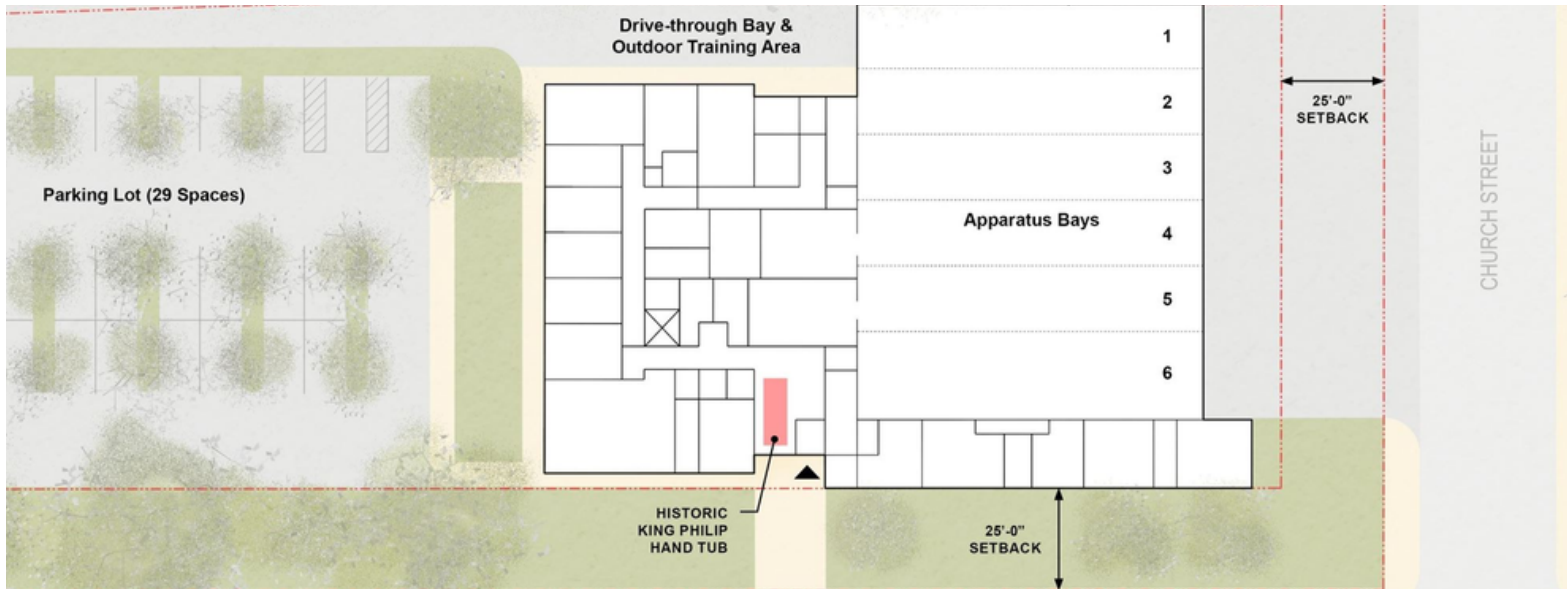




ROCKLAND FIRE STATION PROJECT



PROPOSED STATION HIGHLIGHTS



LOCATION: 99 Church Street (Church and Howard)

- 25,000 Sq. Ft. (22% reduction from 2023 proposal)
- Dedicated Decontamination Spaces
- 6 Apparatus Bays
- Outdoor Training Area
- Safer work and living environment for employees
- Landscape, Fencing & Retaining Wall for Buffer
- Existing personnel (insert # of fire & EMS personnel)
- Allows modest growth of the department

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Town of Rockland has completed two feasibility studies, examining multiple locations and alternative options at the existing station.

In 2023, the town voted down (at town meeting and at the ballot) the first proposed project with a \$33.2 million price tag and requested that the committee revise and reduce the size and cost of the project.

The Select Board, Fire Chief, and Fire Station Building Committee listened to voters and have come up with a new 'Plan B' that is smaller and less expensive.

NEW PROPOSED PROJECT COST

Total Project Cost: **\$26.1 million**

The new project reflects a 21% reduction in cost, from \$33.2M (now approx. \$36M in today's dollars) to \$26.1M (compared to the 2023 proposal that failed).

Avg. Annual Property Tax Increase: **\$223/year**

Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase is based on the avg single family home price of \$517,355. To understand the tax impact specific to you, please visit the Fire Station Project Calculator on the Town website.

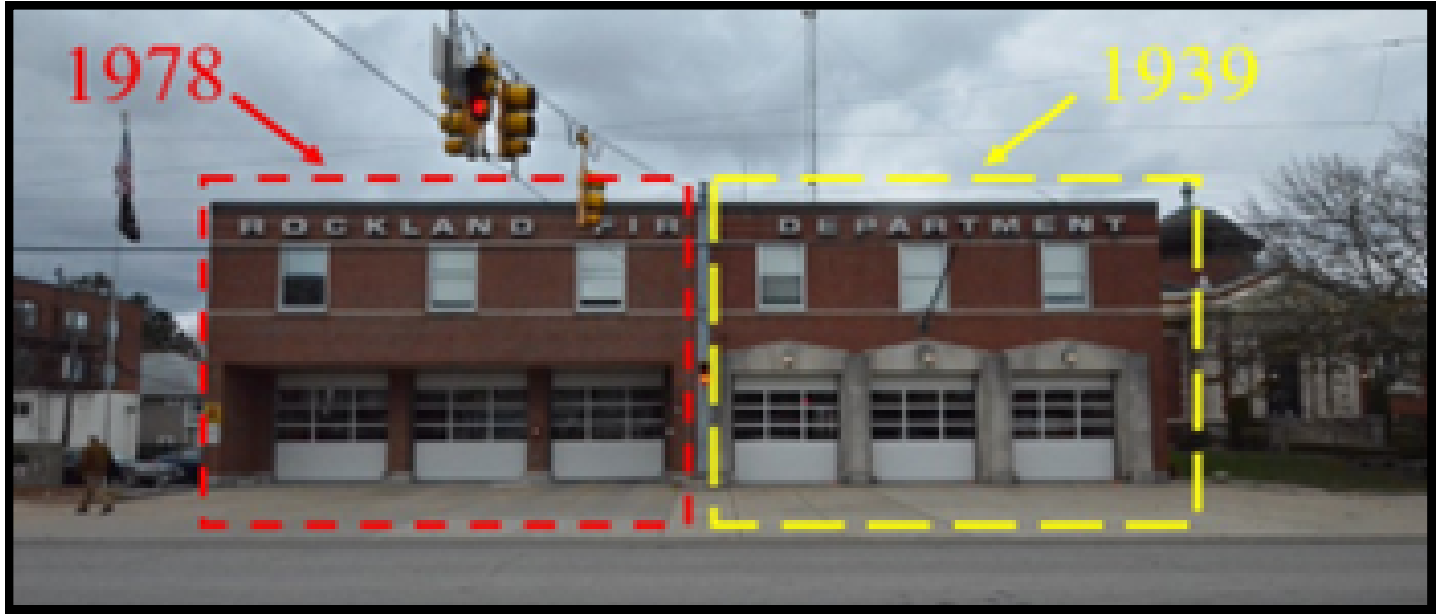
The proposed Fire Station project requires a Ballot Vote & Town Meeting Vote through a Prop. 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion.

A “yes” vote would approve the project.

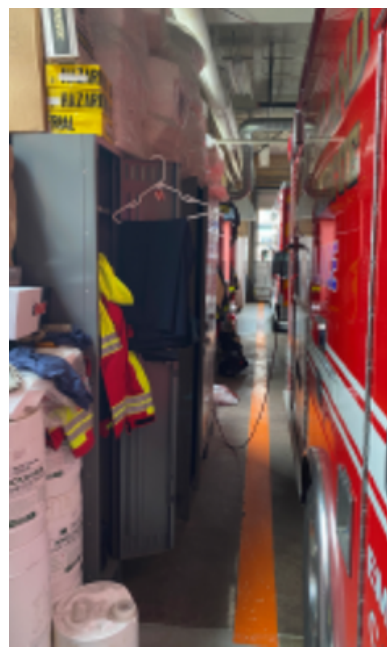
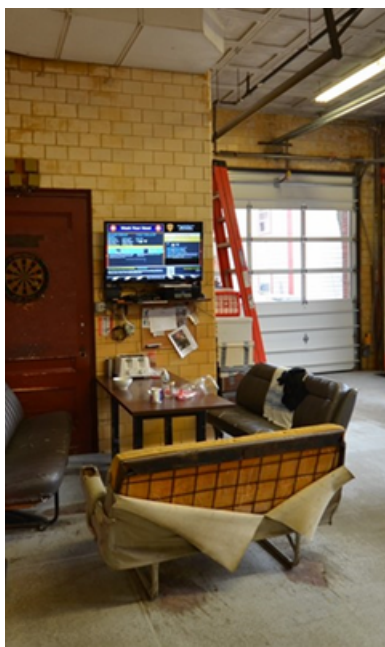
A “No” Vote would NOT approve the project.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STATION & EXISTING CONDITIONS

Since the station's construction in 1939 and renovations in 1978, the Fire Department's mission has drastically changed. Eighty years ago, the Fire Department's mission was to respond to and extinguish fires. Today, that mission includes fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue response.



Currently, Rockland's Fire Station does not provide separation of apparatus bays, office space or living quarters. This means that our firefighters are exposed to diesel exhaust, cancer-causing debris brought back from fires, and other chemicals used in the day-to-day operations of the department. Science has shown that firefighters who serve in a station with poor separation of working and living spaces are more susceptible to serious illness.



IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Town Election Ballot Vote: **April 12, 2025**

(requires simple majority)

Annual Town Meeting Vote: **May 5, 2025**

(requires 2/3 vote for approval)



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Schedule a tour of the fire station

Contact Fire Chief Scott Duffey with questions

Email: firechief@rockland-ma.gov

Phone: (781) 878-4094

**Check out the [town website page](http://www.rockland-ma.gov)
(www.rockland-ma.gov)**

WRPS Video Overview with TA & Fire Chief

FAQ sheet (coming soon...)

Select Board Meeting Presentation Slides

Tax Impact Calculator

