Why Build a New Municipal Building?

Why a new Town Hall?
- Town Hall has a deteriorating foundation and persistent flooding and water leakage
- The well's corrosive water causes continued deterioration of piping and mechanical equipment.
- The building has NO drinkable water and is not energy efficient
- Due to the lack of climate control in the Town's vault, moisture has seeped in through exterior walls jeopardizing valuable and historic documents
- There is not enough parking for staff and the public
- The Town Hall has never been able to accommodate Social Services or Park & Rec costing taxpayers $52,000 annually in rent
- Taxpayers spent more than $91,000 in repairs and maintenance to Town Hall/PD in 2017

Why a new Police Department?
- This winter septic waste from corroded pipes closed portions of the Finance Department and the Police Department until repairs and cleaned up were completed, forcing the Police Department to work from a mobile unit borrowed from the state.
- The Department lacks a compliant prisoner transport area and holding cells for women and juveniles
- There are no locker facilities for females officers limiting hiring ability and diversity
- A lack of adequate parking costs taxpayers $12,600 annually for off-site patrol car parking

Why include the Board of Education building?
- It is not ADA compliant and would require the installation of an exterior elevator
- The 100-year-old building has no fire escape, no central air system, old windows, and is not energy efficient
- It's less expensive to add to the Municipal Building than retrofit the existing building.
- Taxpayers spend $22,000 annually to repair and maintain the structure

Why not the Village Center?
- The cost estimate for renovating Center School and an addition for 4th and 5th grades is $44 million
- Other Village Center properties (14 in total) were too small, environmentally unsafe or in a flood plain
- Of the eight new properties submitted & reviewed based on a strict criteria and in a public forum, Edge-water Hill ranked highest by six of the seven Town Council members.
- **The projected cost of a new Municipal Building is $18.9 million.** The price of construction goes up an estimated $350,000 every year the project is delayed
The Main Floor: lobby, Board of Education, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Building Department, Town Council chambers, Fire Marshal, multi-purpose Community Room, Emergency Operations Center and the Police Department.

The Second Floor: Park & Rec, Town Manager’s office, Social Services, Youth & Family Services, Finance Department and Information Technology as well as two conference rooms.

The Lower Level of the Police Department: secure entrance to criminal detention center, the patrol room and mechanical room.

Join us for a Municipal Town Building Forum
Tuesday Aug. 29 6:30 p.m. in the High School T-Bell Room