

Fiscal Year 2025
Budget Presentation



FY25 Articles

- Article 5: Fire Department Salaries, Operations, Maintenance, and Misc. Expenses. \$2,705,389
- Article 6: Replace the 30 year old fire engine. \$800,000
- Article 7: Replace six sets of firefighter turnout gear. \$33,000
- Article 8: Design and engineering costs for expansion and renovation of the fire station. \$1,300,000
- Article 9: Transfer of title for the 2001 Brush Breaker to Joint Base Cape Cod FD

Status of Current Station

- Constructed in 1938 from the remnants of the former Elizabeth Lowell School
- Exterior stairs failed and were removed for safety reasons
- Unable to accommodate modern fire apparatus.
- No treatment area for patient privacy
- Inadequate PPE storage space
- Uniform/clothing lockers in training/day room
- HVAC system requires frequent repairs
- Unable to securely store and protect District documents/vital records

Unable to Accommodate Modern Fire Apparatus
Current bay doors standards are 12' x 12' to 14' x 14'
Existing bay doors are 9' 11" high by 10' 11" wide



Custom Built Engine to Fit Current Doors



1994 Engine unable to be fully equipped due to height limitations



Interior utilities further restrict clearances

Walk-in Treatment Area – 39 in 2023



- Lack of patient privacy
- Limited ability for Community Paramedicine
- Remote from EMS supply area (with limited space)

Gear and Uniform Storage



Access to decon through clean space



Inadequate storage space for PPE



Uniform/personal lockers in combined training and day room

Equipment Decon

- SCBA Decontamination in apparatus bay
- Firefighting turnout gear contamination extractor in basement
- Extractor approaching end of useful life
- Must exit building with contaminated gear to access extractor



HVAC, Flooding, and Storage



Storage room flooding caused by HVAC system



Dehumidifiers, buckets, and sump pumps to address water issues



Fire District records retention area also has water infiltration

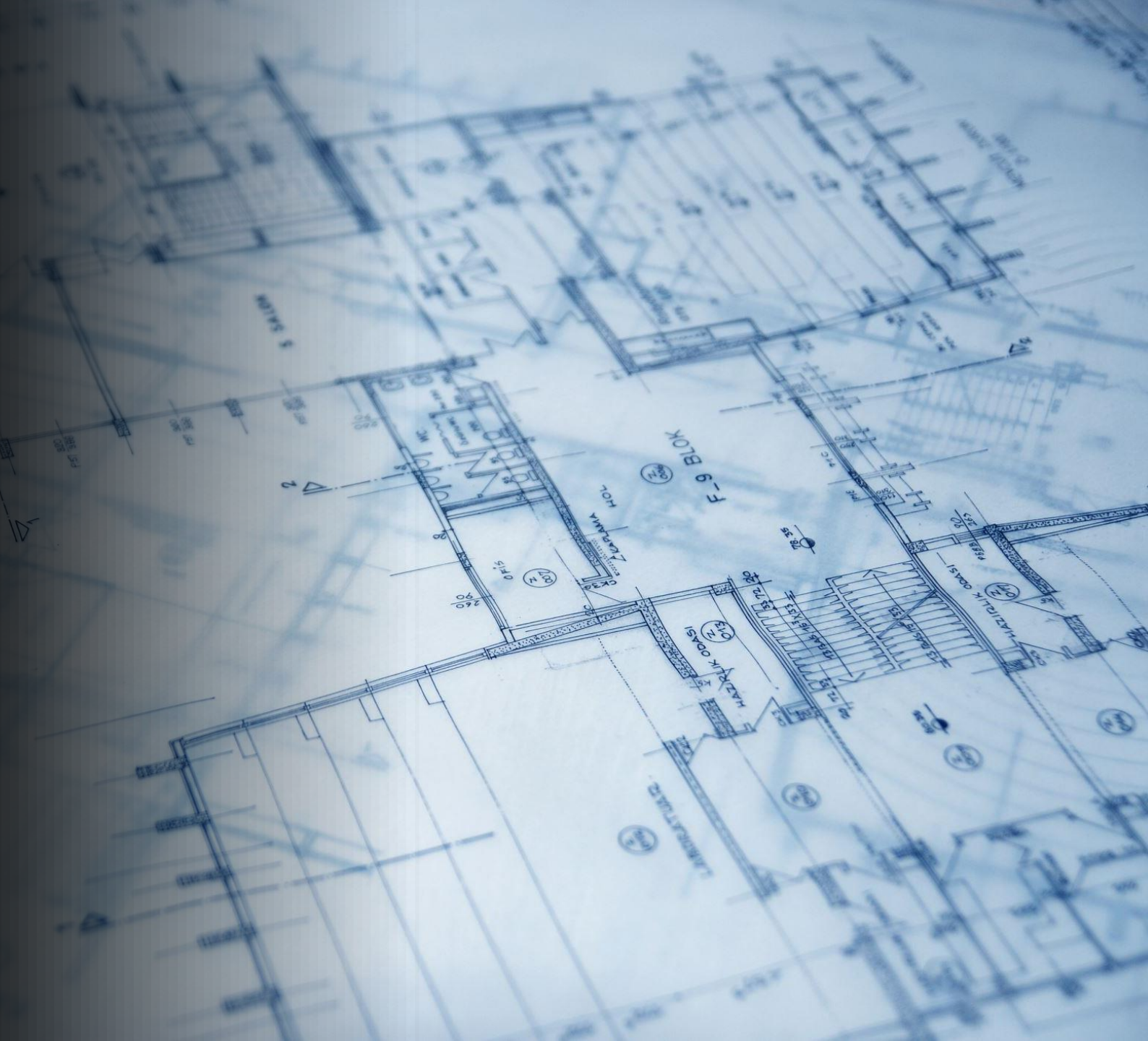


Future Needs

- Approximately 9,000 square feet of additional space.
- Apparatus bays that accommodate modern firefighting apparatus.
- Private area to evaluate and treat walk in patients.
- PPE Locker room that does not open into living space potentially contaminating clean zones with carcinogens.
- EMS storage room large enough to meet the needs of modern EMS agency and is separate from diesel exhaust producing apparatus.
- Area to properly decontaminate firefighting PPE.
- Training/Conference/EOC Room
- Police workspace

History of Space Needs Study

- 2015 (January): purchase of 56 High St approved at a special district meeting
- 2017 (May): Article 13 approved funding for a space needs study for the district
- 2019 (July): feasibility study for renovation and expansion existing fire station completed by contracted architectural firm estimated project cost \$3.3 million with estimated completion date in CY 2022
- 2019 to 2024: ongoing discussions and research regarding possible designs and locations



Background of Current Recommendation

- Committee work with Fire Department personnel, Board of Fire Commissioners representation, and Cotuit resident representation.
- Review of past efforts and 2020 Fire Station Needs Report
- Tour recent fire station projects with review of best practices and project challenges.
 - Sandwich
 - COMM
 - Harwich
 - Brewster
 - Chatham
 - Dennis

Current Recommendation & Expenses to Date

- RFP for architectural concept development
 - August 2023 RFP development
 - September 2023 RFP issued
 - October 2023 review of proposals received
 - November 2023 accepted Catalyst proposal
- Work sessions with architectural firm & subcontractors
- Catalyst Architecture Interiors
- Cape and Islands Engineering
- PM&C, LLC (feasibility estimators)

CATALYST ARCHITECTURE INTERIORS	SPACE REVIEW	Phase One Pre-Design	\$ 4,792.88
CAPE AND ISLANDS ENGINEERING	SPACE REVIEW	Engineering and Land Surveying Services	\$ 2,180.00
CATALYST ARCHITECTURE INTERIORS	SPACE REVIEW	Phase Two Conceptual Design	\$ 11,574.27
CATALYST ARCHITECTURE INTERIORS	SPACE REVIEW	Phase Two Conceptual Design	\$ 5,000.00
PM&C, LLC	SPACE REVIEW	Conceptual SD Estimate	\$ 4,500.00

What Will Article 8 Fund?

- Schematic Design/Prep for Regulatory Approvals
- Regulatory Approvals
- Design Development/Construction Documents
- Public Bid Process

What happens if Article 8 does not pass?

- WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND!
- Costs for renovation and expansion will continue to increase
- Building maintenance costs will continue to increase
- Apparatus purchasing expenses will increase
- Apparatus maintenance expenses will increase
- Potential for response time increase
- May impact recruitment and retention
- District will continue to lack ADA compliant workspace for the Treasurer and Clerk
- District will continue to lack ADA compliant public access to the Treasurer and Clerk

Past



New Firehouse Circa 1938

Collection Fran Parks

Present



Future



Cotuit Fire District
Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Services

CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVE VIEW
64 & 56 High Street, Cotuit, MA
05.15.2024

Catalyst
Architecture + Planning