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Municipal Building Committee
136 Elm Street
North Easton, MA 02356

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Via email

Connor Read
Town Administrator
136 Elm Street
North Easton, MA 02356

Dear Mr. Read,

One of the primary charges of the Municipal Building Committee (MBC) is to assist the Director of Public Works in preparing the annual and five-year capital improvement and maintenance plans for all schools and general government buildings in the Town of Easton consistent with the policies of the Select Board and the School Committee.

It is in keeping with this responsibility that the MBC submits this letter of support for the proposed funding of a Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study.

In 2014, the architectural firm Dorr & Whittier completed a Municipal and School Facilities Assessment for the Town of Easton. Among other buildings, an Existing Conditions Assessment, Capital Improvement Plan and Cost Estimate were provided for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Facility, Fire Station #1/Police Station, Fire Station #2, Fire Station #3 and the Water Division Building. To date, the only significant capital improvement was the complete renovation of Fire Station #2 in 2019. Though some smaller capital improvements have been funded and made to the other buildings, many proposed improvements have not.

In 2019, the MBC completed tours of the DPW Facility (built 1952), Fire Station #1/Police Station (built 1969) and Fire Station #3 (built 1984). Overviews of the facilities were given by Mr. David Field of the DPW, Chief Gary Sullivan of the Police Department and Chief Kevin Partridge of the Fire Department. It was clear that these facilities require major improvements at significant costs, though such improvements would likely not meet the present-day needs of these departments.

Also in 2019, Mr. Field kindly provided the MBC with a Municipal Facilities Priorities Report that provided recommended capital improvements and updated cost estimates based on the 2014 Dorr & Whittier Facilities Assessment.

A feasibility study of a combined DPW, police station, fire station and water department facility is the next logical step to ensure these departments have adequate facilities to continue providing exceptional services to our residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Andrew Williams, P.E.
Chair