



Town Hall / School Administration Building Project



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To the Residents of Wilmington,

The Glen Road School was first approved by Town Meeting in November 1957. Town Meeting voted to build a 15 room elementary school for \$800,000. Committees were developed to facilitate this project. In 1958, the scope of the design decided on a 12 room elementary school, at more than half the cost of the original. The school opened in 1959 to fan fair! The Governor of Massachusetts, Foster Furcolo, was in attendance. The "Round School" was seen as an example as it was one of the least expensive schools built at the time, an estimated \$860 per student. The building served the Wilmington community as a school until Spring 1981 when it was closed due to budgetary constraints and remaining students were sent to the Woburn St School.



The desire for a new Town Hall in the Town of Wilmington is not a new sentiment. Advocacy for a new Town Hall dates back as far as the 1960's. In 1964, an effort to raise funds for a new Town Hall was led by two Wilmington residents, ultimately, the effort failed at Town Meeting. The topic of a new Town Hall was revisited in 1983 when it was stated at a Special Town Meeting that plans had begun to move Town Offices to the Glen Road School from the old Baptist Church. Renovations took place in 1983/1984 and the renovated Glen Road School started its new life as home to the Wilmington Town Offices, where town operations continue to reside.

In 2018, the Town of Wilmington hired the Harriman Group to conduct a review of the Town's Municipal and Education facilities and develop a Facilities Master Plan. The Facilities Master Plan identified physical deficiencies of the current Town Hall building that prevent the staff from serving the community to the best of their desire and ability. These deficiencies include original electrical, HVAC, and plumbing systems that are well passed their intended lifespan and outdated emergency services including no overhead sprinkler system. In addition, the physical space is not large enough to properly accommodate the needs of the 11 departments housed in the Town Hall. The Facilities Master Plan also assessed the condition of the School Administration Building. This assessment found that the existing space is not large enough to accommodate the full needs of the School Administration staff, estimating it needs a space three times larger than the space it currently occupies at Roman House.

At the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to appropriate \$955,000 to move the project forward with a Feasibility Study and Schematic Design. The Feasibility Study is the phase we are currently in. It will explore site locations, programming needs, space needs and parking needs. As the project progresses, we will discuss the details of the next phases.

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