

# Home of Brookline Public Works

**March 27, 2021**  
**Annual Town Meeting**



# Background on Change from Road Agent to Public Works

- Road agent provided infrastructure care until town meeting 2018
  - Town owned **no** equipment
- 2018 town voted to start a Public Works Department
  - First employee hired in 2018; second hired in 2020

# Public Works Capital Outlook

Current Assets	Future Assets
2017 Ford F550	Mini Loader/Sidewalk Machine (2021)
2018 New Holland Backhoe	Wheeled Excavator (2022)
1999 International Six-Wheel Dump Truck	Six-Wheel Dump Truck (2022)
2005 Ford F450	3-Yard Loader (2023)
2008 Peterbilt Six-Wheel Dump Truck	Six-Wheel Dump Truck (2023)
2020 Vermeer 12" Chipper	Pavement Hotbox (2024)
	Road Grader (2027)
<b>Total Costs: \$334,150</b>	<b>Total Costs: \$900,000</b>

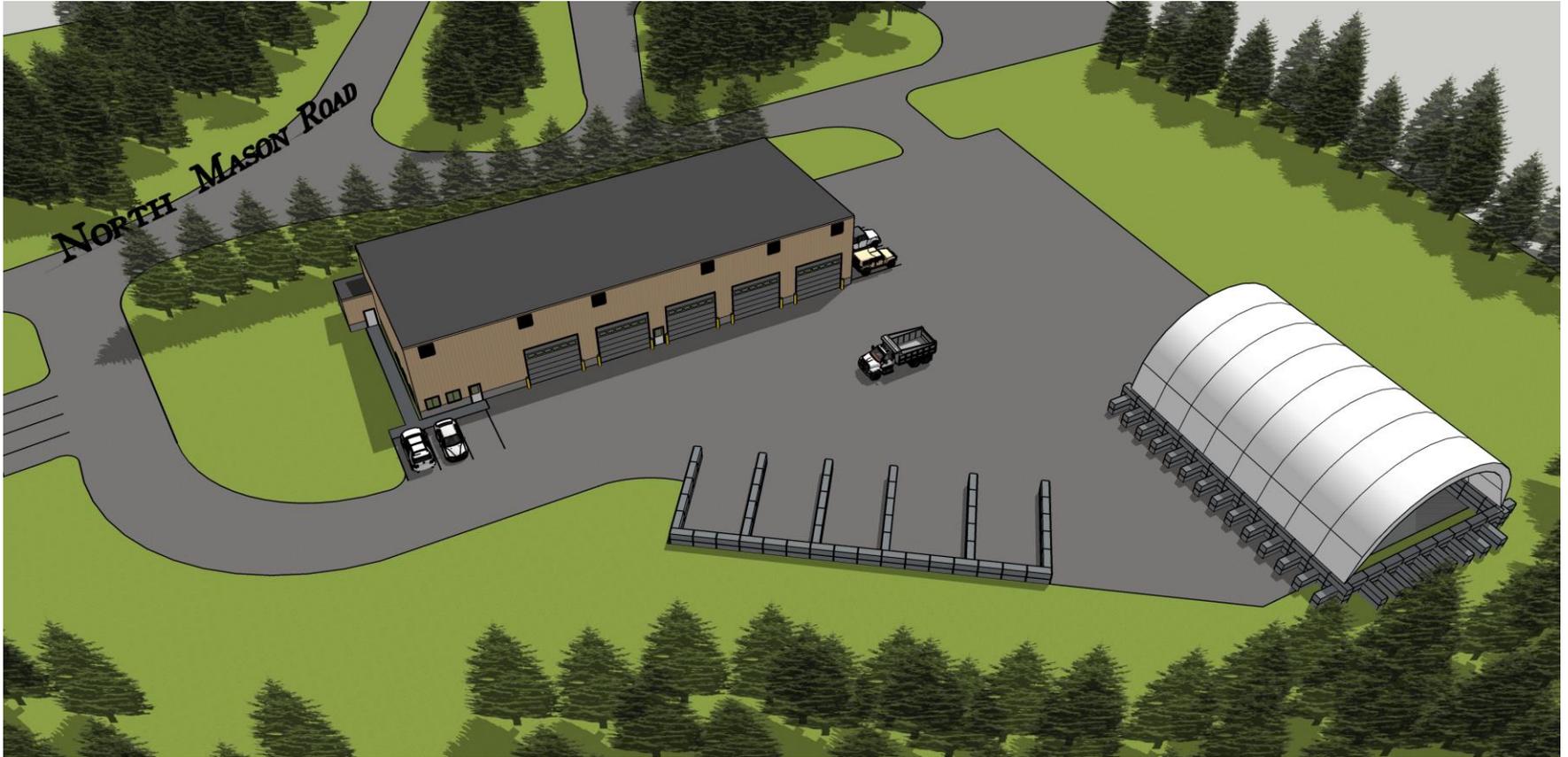
# Current Public Works “Facilities”

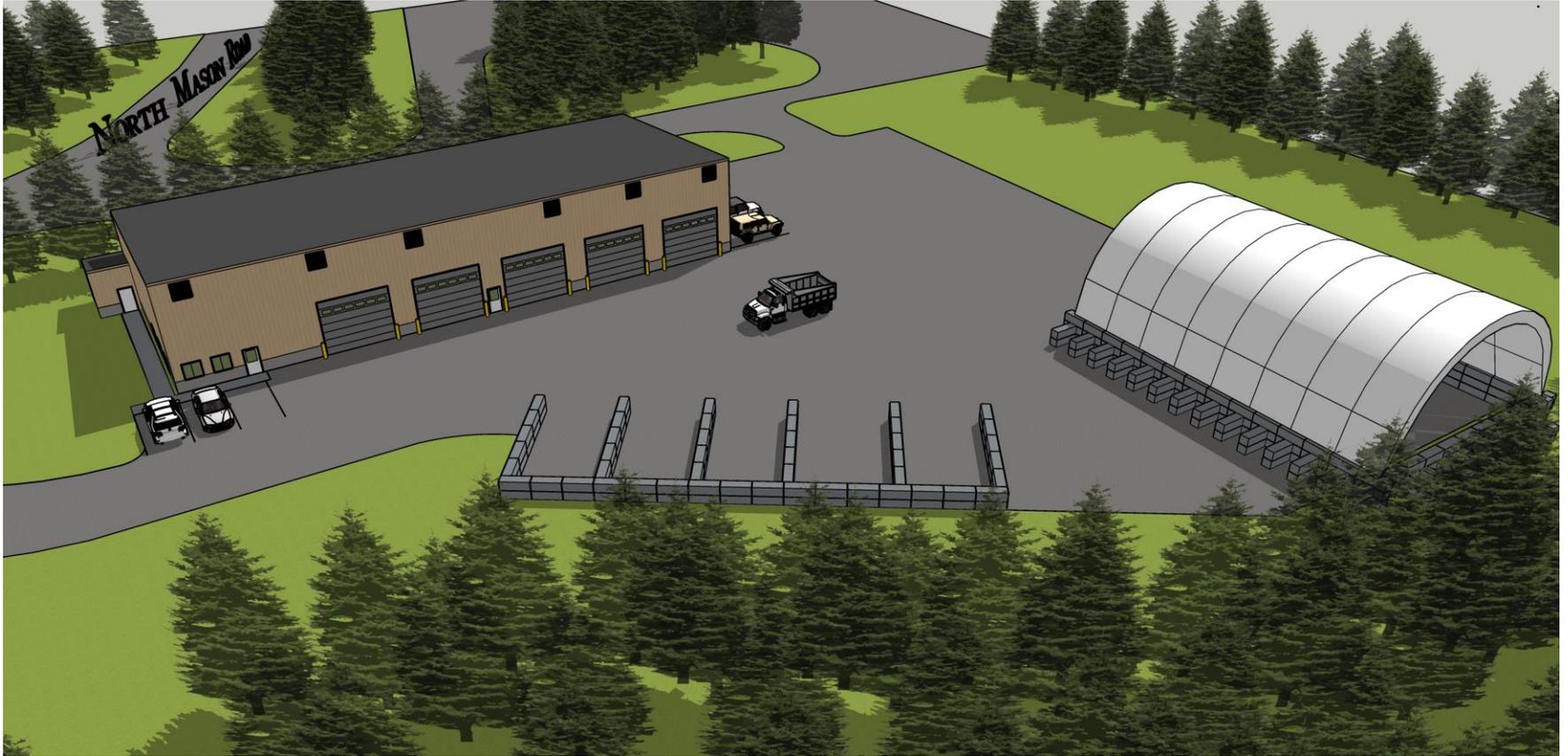
- Small office in Town Hall
- Corner of old Fire Station (“Annex”)
- Outdoor space at Transfer Station



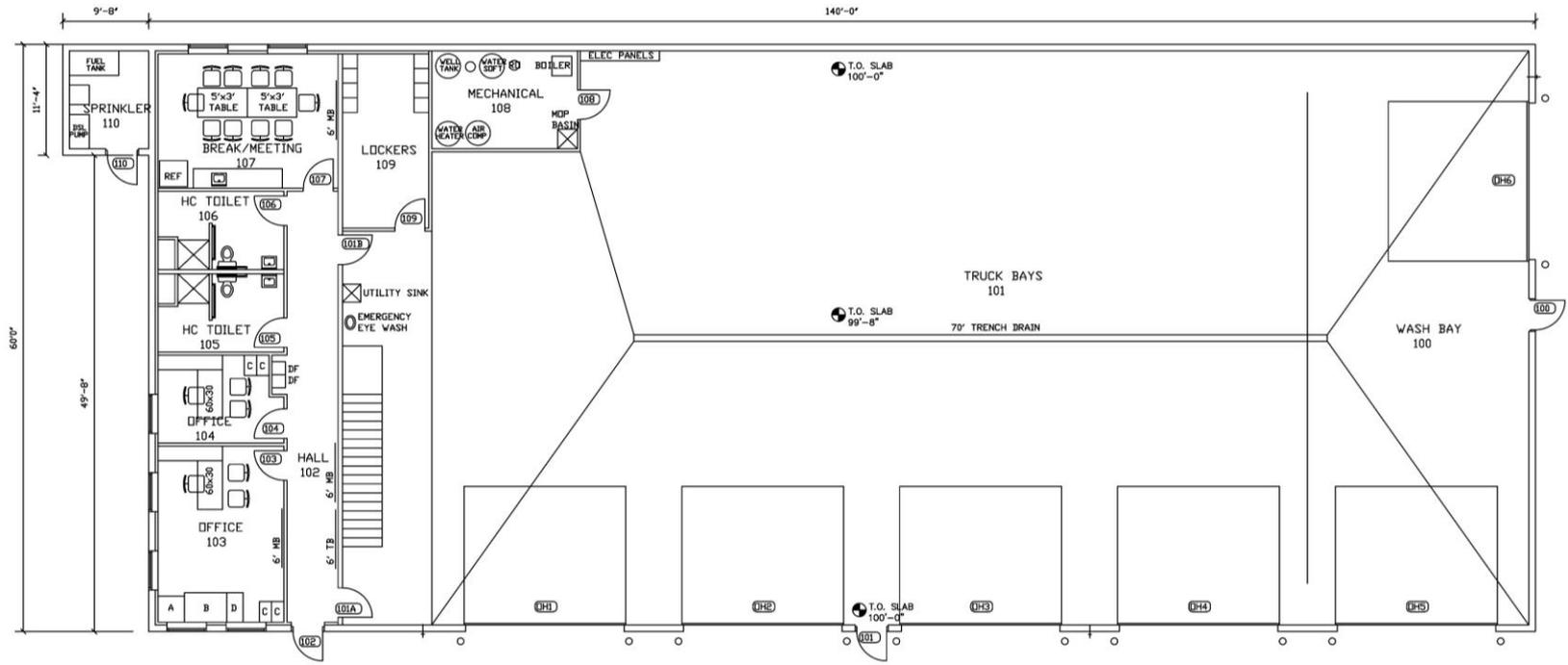
# Proposed Building

- Based on research of other public works facilities
- Accommodates future growth of department
- Provides proper care & storage for capital assets and personnel
- Co-located next to Transfer Station for efficiency of operations





# Proposed Building - Layout



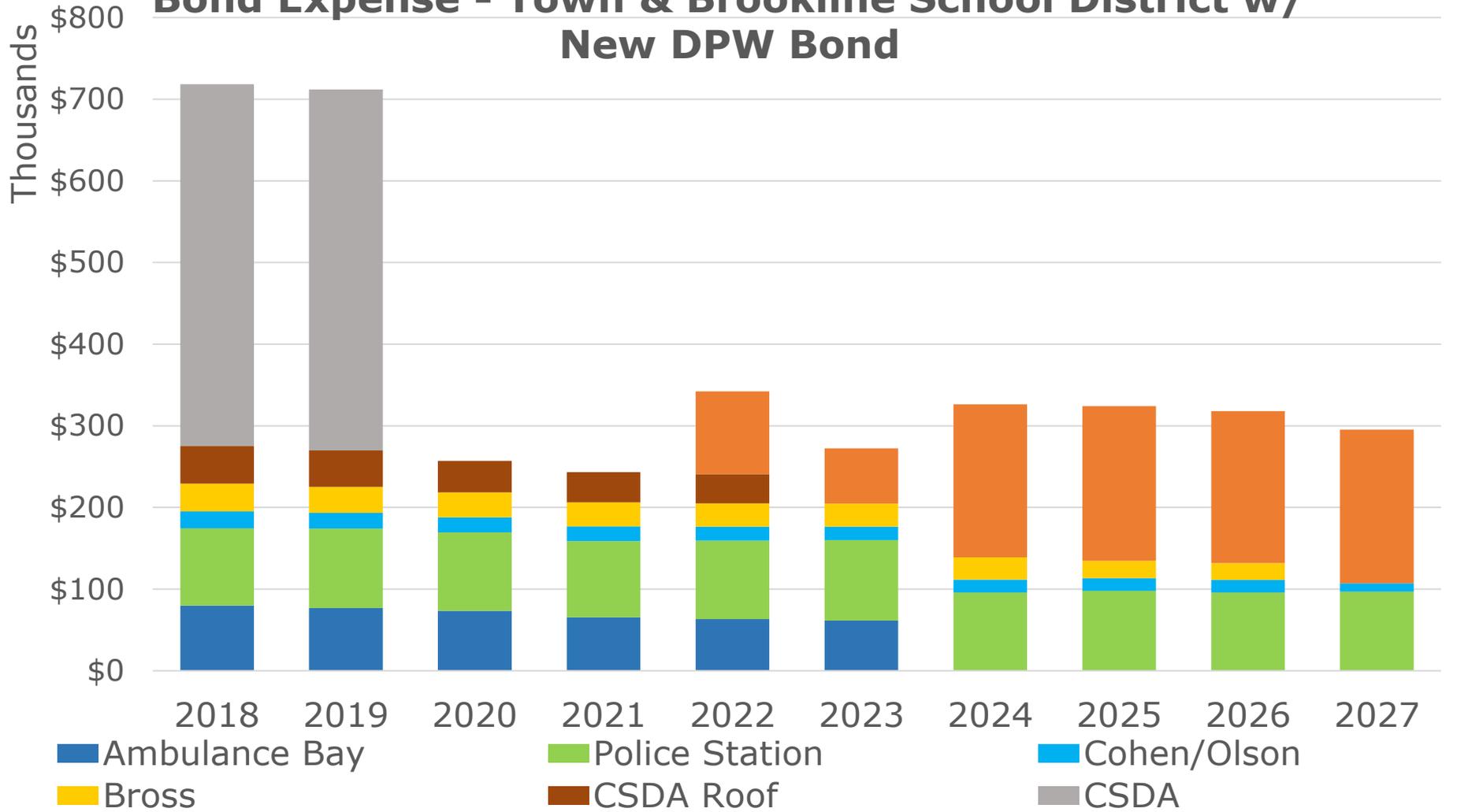
# Result of a YES Vote

- Enables Brookline to have a fully functioning Public Works Department
- More timely delivery of services; reduces reliance on sub-contractors
- Protects equipment and investment; extends life
- Better response in winter storms; repairs done more quickly
- Significantly enhances attraction and retention of Public Works and Transfer Station employees
- Builds facility at historically low interest rates

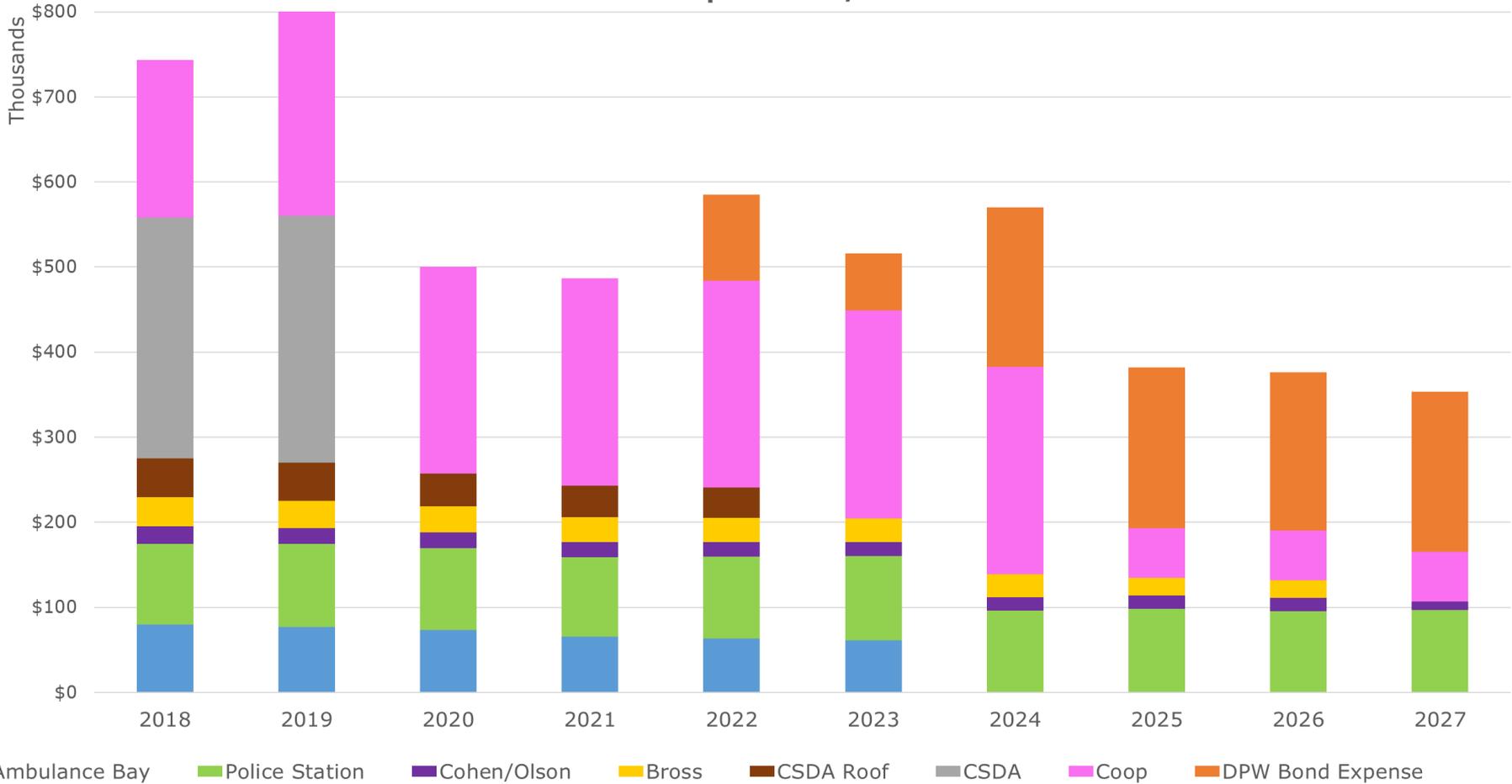
# Result of a NO Vote

- Inability to grow the department to serve the town
- Equipment will not be maintained to same state of readiness
- Capital assets deteriorate faster
- Rain/bad weather days impact employee efficiency
- Difficulty attracting and retaining employees
- The need will not go away; future costs will be higher

# Bond Expense - Town & Brookline School District w/ New DPW Bond



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# Bonding/Tax Impact

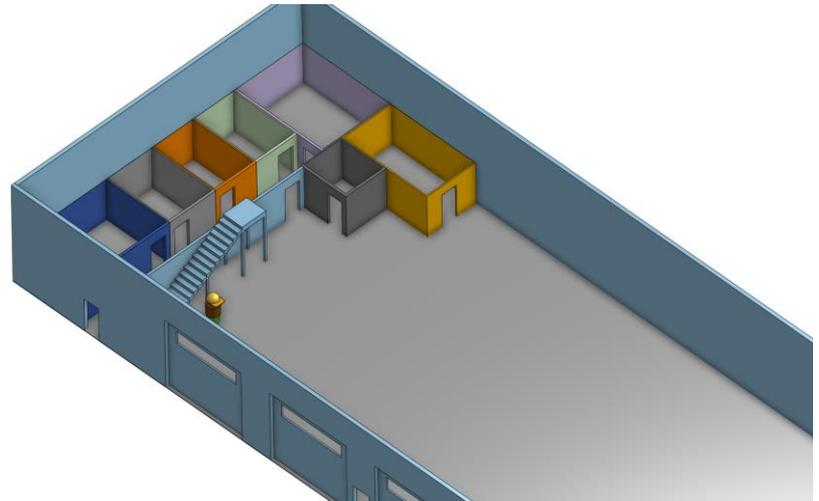
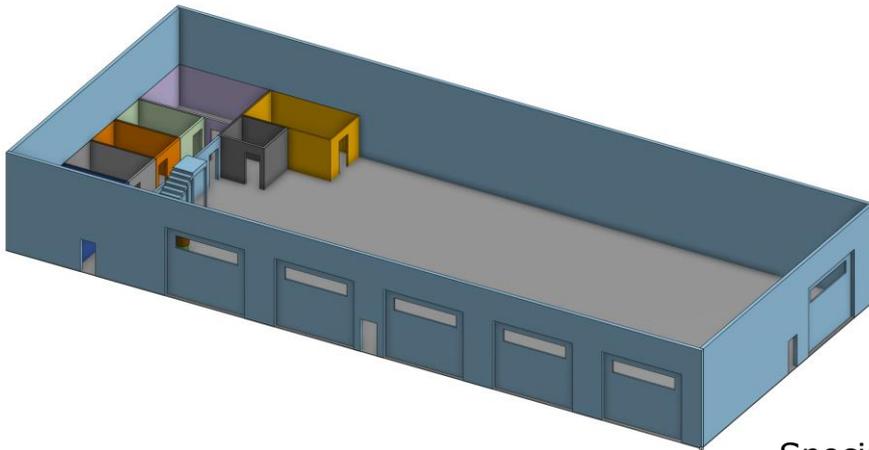
- 20-Year Bond Amount Sought- \$2.67 million
  - Payments customized to fit existing bonds; minimize annual tax impact

Year	Incremental Tax Impact		
	Per \$100k	\$300k Home	\$450k Home
2021	\$0	\$0	\$0
2022	\$15	\$45	\$67
2023	\$10	\$30	\$45
2024-41	\$28	\$83	\$125

# Alternative Approaches

1. Considered a smaller building; adding on later
2. Considered purchasing an existing building on Route 13

# 3-D Model



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