

RECOMMENDED PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY



Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**Joint Meeting with the Town Council
and Board of Finance**

Presented by the Municipal Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee

AGENDA

Introduction

History and Project Background

Current Police Department Facts

Proposed New Facility

Proposed Costs and Grants

Debt Service Impact

Question & Answer



HISTORY & PROJECT BACKGROUND

1986

Study by Lawlor Associates identifies space deficiencies.

1998

Another study recommends a facility of approx. 11,900 sq/ft.

2014

Study of former MSS renovation for police/BOE.

Mar 2019

Mayor and Council form Police Building Committee.

May 2020

Jacunski Humes completes a feasibility study for a new police department building.

May 2020 – Nov 2023

Continued Committee meetings. Mayor's office and state elected officials seek state funding.

Dec 2023

Mayor and Council repurpose the Building Committee as the Municipal Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee.

May 2024

Committee recommends Friar Associates – Town Hall Study.

Dec 2024

Committee obtains updated cost estimates from Jacunski Humes for police building. Vote to recommend original police building plan and limited town hall renovations to repurpose the vacated space into needed storage.

1986 – 2025

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In 1986, the first study of our police department identified the need for more space.

That was 40 years ago!

Little to nothing has been done to improve the cramped, outdated working space that we provide for our law enforcement.

“I know they need it, but....” should no longer be an acceptable response.

CURRENT POLICE FACILITY

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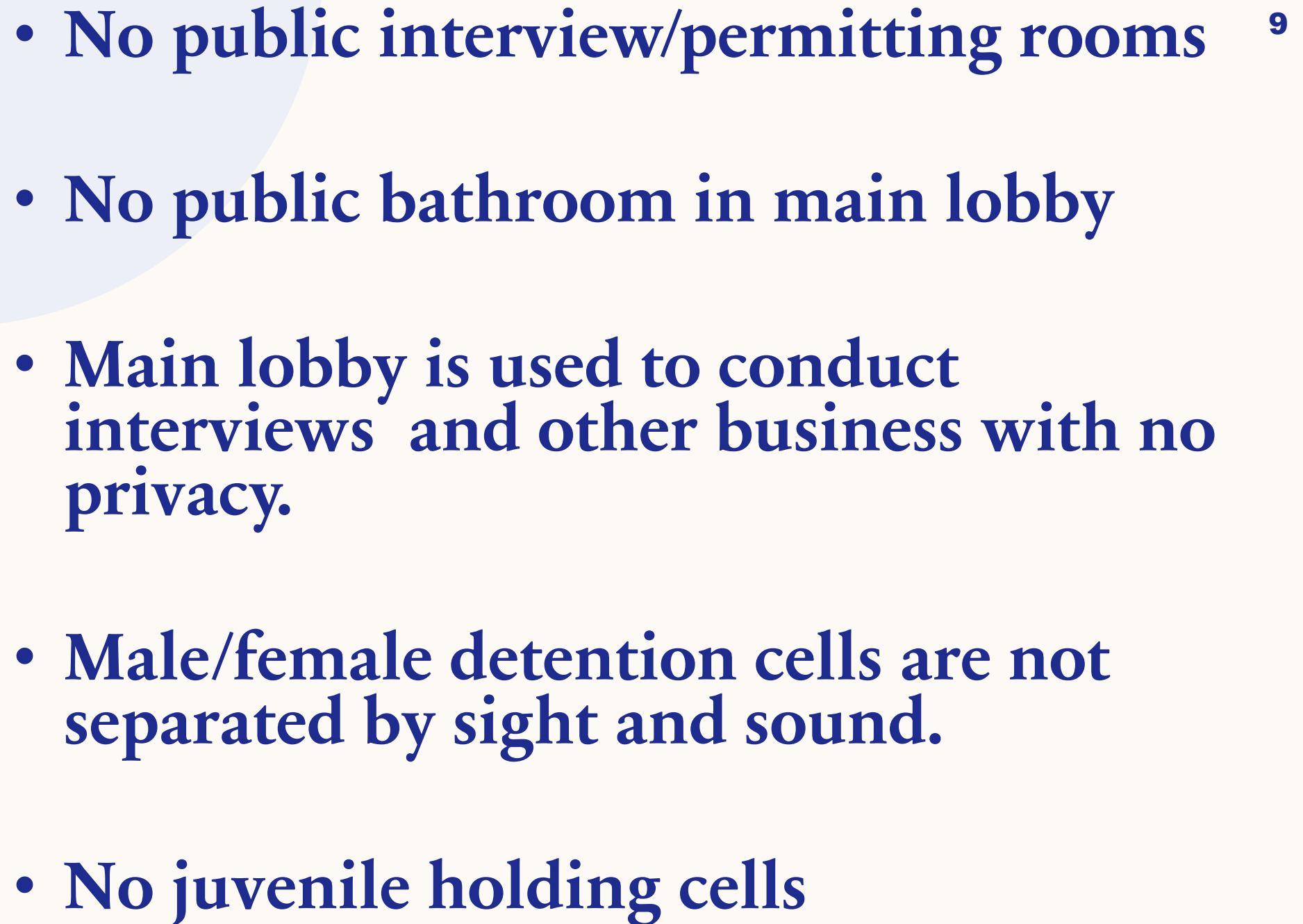
- 2811 Square Feet
- Built in 1973, part of town hall.
- No major modifications/renovations in 52 years.

❖ 1973

- 7 Full Time Sworn Personnel
- 19 Part Time Personnel

❖ 2025

- 24 Full Time Sworn Personnel
- 5 Civilian Personnel – 2 FT, 3 PT

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- **No public interview/permitting rooms** ⁹
 - **No public bathroom in main lobby**
 - **Main lobby is used to conduct interviews and other business with no privacy.**
 - **Male/female detention cells are not separated by sight and sound.**
 - **No juvenile holding cells**

- **No sterile evidence processing area with limited personnel access**
- **No training/roll call room**
- **No conference/meeting room**
- **No female locker room within the police department**
- **No separate firearms cleaning area**

- **No separate evidence storage area**
- **Sally port is too small for the safe transfer of prisoners.**
- **Inadequate office/desk space for staff**
- **No kitchen or separate break area**
- **Limited storage throughout the entire police department for all functions**

PROPOSED PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY



PROPOSED POLICE BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS

❖ Main Building

16,750 gross square feet


12,390 usable square feet

❖ Storage/Processing Outbuilding

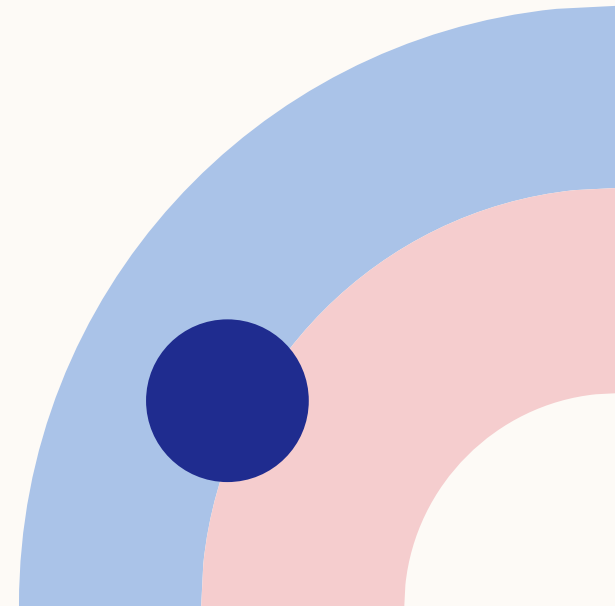
1,750 gross square feet

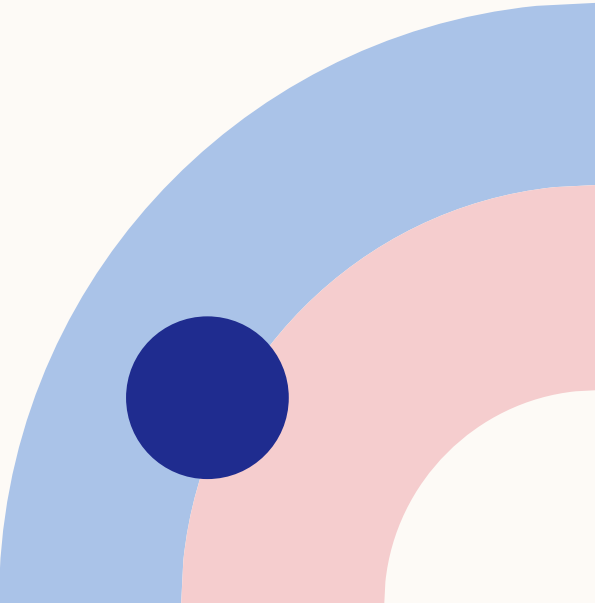
1,400 usable square feet

MAIN BUILDING KEY FEATURES

- Dedicated office spaces for staff, sergeants, detectives and administrators
 - Mandated prisoner holding cells for adults and juveniles
 - Limited access evidence processing and storage
 - Two bay drive-thru sally port
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- **Main lobby with public restrooms**
- **Interview rooms**
- **Dedicated records storage area**
- **Conference and meeting rooms**
- **Covered patrol vehicle parking**



- Patrol roll call/training classroom
 - Weapons armory
 - IT/data equipment room
 - Male and female locker rooms
 - Physical training room
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STORAGE OUTBUILDING

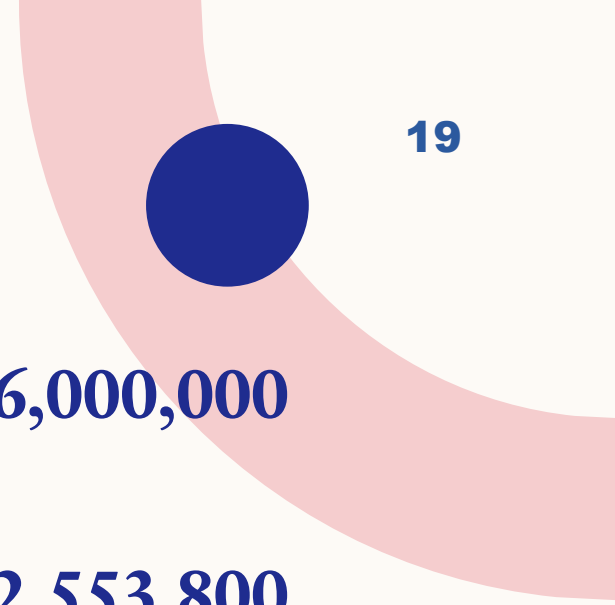
KEY FEATURES

- Enclosed bulk evidence and vehicle processing area
- Unit heaters with vehicle exhaust
- Equipment storage bays
- Found property storage

QUESTIONS ON THE BUILDING FEATURES – CURRENT OR PROPOSED?

PROPOSED COST HISTORY

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Dec 2019 – Initial draft feasibility study	\$16,000,000
Feb 2020 – Committee space/project reduction	\$12,553,800
May 2020 – Further reductions/Final study	\$11,652,142
Apr 2024 – Updated estimate for grant application	\$16,313,467
Dec 2024 – Revised cost estimates-Humes/Downes	\$20,090,786

GRANT ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

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- 2022 Mayor's office applied for Congressionally Directed Spending Grant (CDS). Project not selected.
- 2023 Mayor's office applied for CDS grant. Project not selected.
- 2024 Committee applied for CDS grant. Senator moved project forward, but it was not selected for Senate appropriations.
- 2020 to current Mayor's office seeking State bond funds with Henri Martin's assistance. To date, funding has been denied.

CURRENT DEBT SERVICE PICTURE

Amounts presented include all bond and capital lease principal and interest

- \$3,051,523 Annual debt service FY 2025
- \$12.6M Outstanding bonds
- \$3.3M Outstanding capital leases
- \$1.8M Bond maturities from FY 2025 – FY 2027
- Bond maturities provide borrowing capacity for needed capital infrastructure improvements.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY TAXES?

	Taxes for New Bonds	Total Taxes Debt Service
FY 2025	\$0	\$336
FY 2026	\$1	\$252
FY 2027	\$95	\$311
FY 2028	\$201	\$336
FY 2029	\$196	\$313

Figures presented are per \$100,000 of assessed property value. Tax projections assume an annual 2.5% increase in the town budget, a 0% increase in the annual grant list growth and a 20-year bond term.

IF WE ADD \$4M FOR ROADS AND \$9.8M FOR SEWERS?

	New Bonds	Total for Debt	Change from Current
FY 2025	\$0	\$336	\$0
FY 2026	\$1	\$252	(\$84)
FY 2027	\$114	\$330	(\$6)
FY 2028	\$273	\$409	\$73
FY 2029	\$302	\$419	\$83
FY 2030	\$297	\$406	\$70
FY 2031	\$292	\$385	\$49
FY 2032	\$287	\$377	\$41
FY2033	\$281	\$365	\$29

Figures presented are per \$100,000 of assessed property value. Tax projections assume an annual 2.5% increase in the town budget, a 0% increase in the annual grant list, growth and a 20-year bond term. Sewer bond assumes 30% forgiveness under CT Clean Water Fund. Figures include only existing capital leases.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

THANK YOU

Town of Plymouth Municipal Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee

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Sergeant Christopher Latimer

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Questions following this meeting?

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