Town of Winthrop, Mass.

Fire Station Updates, Town Manager Reports

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10/20/2026

The Fire Station retaining wall has been installed next to the existing gymnasium building. Now that this work is complete, G&R Construction will be on-site to prepare for the new foundations. The existing roof leaders that were dumping water into the hole next to the gymnasium were identified and rerouted to go into the new stormwater pipe that was installed. The stormwater system for the new fire station building will be completed during construction.

10/6/2026

The Fire Station stormwater pipework is complete, and we are waiting for the new retaining wall block to show up later this week. Once the retaining wall work is complete, the General Contractor, G&R Construction, will begin the site and foundation work in the next few weeks.

9/22/2026

The Fire Station stormwater pipe work should be wrapped up this week, and the retaining wall blocks will also be delivered. Once this work is complete, the General Contractor, G&R Construction, will begin the site and foundation work in early October.

8/18/2026

The General Contractor Bids for the new Fire Station are due this week. This is an exciting next step as we are getting ready to start construction starting in early September. The pre-bid walkthrough for interested bidders was held on July 7, 2026, and the filed sub-bids were submitted on July 29th and were in line with our construction design estimates. Please check our website for the up-to-date plans and other related documents.

8/4/2026

The Bid Documents for the new Fire Station are out. This is an exciting next step as we are getting ready to start construction starting in early September. The pre-bid walkthrough for interested bidders was held on July 7, 2026, and the filed sub-bids will be due on July 29th, with the General Contractor bids due on August 12, 2026. Please check our website for the up-to-date plans and other related documents.

7/21/2026

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bids due on August 12, 2026. Please check our website for the up-to-date plans and other related documents.

6/30/2026

The Bid Documents for the new Fire Station will be out to bid as of July 1, 2026. This is an exciting next step as we are getting ready to start construction starting in early September. The pre-bid walkthrough for interested bidders will be held on July 7, 2026, and the filed sub-bids will be due on July 29th, with the General Contractor bids due on August 12, 2026. Please check our website for the up-to-date plans and other related documents.

6/2/2026

The Fire Station design work is wrapping up as we work towards generating bid documents to go out in late June. KBA has finished the 80% Construction Design, and those plans will be presented to the Fire Station Building Committee on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:30 pm. The backfilling work will begin shortly, and we hosted another neighborhood meeting last Tuesday to update them on the site's progress and what to expect during the backfilling process.

5/19/2026

The Fire Station design work is wrapping up as we work towards generating bid documents to go out in late June. We are finalizing the design and getting a price for the new stormwater pipe and retaining wall required along the new exterior wall of the existing gymnasium building. The backfilling work will begin after Memorial Day,

5/5/2026

The Fire Station design work is wrapping up as we work towards generating bid documents to go out in late June. We continue to design the new stormwater pipe and retaining wall required along the new exterior wall of the existing gymnasium building. The fire station architects and our engineering firm (Woodard & Curran) are working to finalize the design so we can have it completed before they backfill the old middle school and auditorium foundation hole.

4/7/2026

With the Old Middle School and Auditorium work now complete, we are working on getting the stormwater pipes moved to accommodate the new fire station structure. Plan design continues, and we will hold a public hearing on the design in early April 2026; date and time to be announced soon. The next meeting of the Fire House Building Committee will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 @ 4:30 pm.

3/24/2026

With the Old Middle School and Auditorium work now complete, we are working on getting the stormwater pipes moved to accommodate the new fire station structure. Plan design continues, and we will hold a public hearing on the design in early April 2026; date and time to be announced soon.

3/10/2026

The Fire Station demolition is almost complete, as most of the site has now been demolished and cleared. The Owner's Project Manager (OPM) is arranging boring holes to finalize the site's foundation plan and determine how much fill we will need. Also, the design plans for the new fire station are moving forward, and we will schedule a public meeting for late March or early April following tonight's presentation by the OPM.

2/17/2026

The Fire Station demolition work continues as most of the auditorium has now been demolished. They will continue to remove debris and clean the site for the next few weeks. Also, the design plans for the new fire station are moving forward and we will be planning a public meeting for input during the month of March 2026.

2/3/2026

The Fire Station demolition works continues as the Middle School building is down and the auditorium is up next. The design team continues to work on the building plans and met with the Fire Station building committee on Monday, February 2, 2026, to update them on the Schematic Design estimates and the overall budget costs.

1/20/2026

The Fire Station work continues as Kestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the demolition has begun on the Old Middle School and Auditorium. We have received two resident concerns over vibration, and the contractor has been monitoring the seismic sensors and they have been within acceptable limits to date.

1/6/2026

The Fire Station demolition works continues as the Middle School building is down and the auditorium is up next. The design team continues to work on the building plans and met with the Fire Station building committee on Monday, February 2, 2026, to update them on the Schematic Design estimates and the overall budget costs.

12/16/2025

The Fire Station work continues as Kestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the Asbestos abatement work finished up at the Old Middle School and Auditorium. The water utility work has been completed, and the gymnasium and ice rink are now operating on the new water main service installed in the rink parking lot. We hosted the neighborhood meeting last Wednesday night, and it was well attended in person and via Zoom. The demolition will begin after the Christmas holiday, starting the week of December 29, 2025. Please see the Town's website for construction schedule updates.

12/2/2026

The Fire Station work continues as Kestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the Asbestos abatement work continues at the Old Middle School and Auditorium. The fencing and the Pest Control System and Controls have been installed. The water utility work has been completed, and the

gymnasium and ice rink are now operating on the new water main service installed in the rink parking lot. The existing water main supplying the Old Middle School and Auditorium has been shut off on Pauline Street and will be cut and capped on December 5, 2025.

11/18/2025, 11/5/2025

The Fire Station work continues as Kestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the Asbestos abatement work has started at the Old Middle School and Auditorium. The fencing has been installed, and the Pest Control System and Controls have been installed. We are working to isolate and reroute the utilities to ensure that the Ice Rink and Gymnasium remain operational, allowing demolition to begin on the Old Middle School and Auditorium.

We hosted a neighborhood meeting for the New Fire Station Project at the gymnasium next to the ice rink to update the neighbors on the demolition process, schedule, and when to expect the building to be taken down. We had a dozen or so neighbors show up, and we promised to hold another night meeting as we get closer to the building demolition after the Asbestos removal is complete.

10/21/2025

The Fire Station work continues as Kestle Boos continues to work on the design plans, and the demolition work will begin in early November. The fencing will begin to be installed on Wednesday, October 22nd, and we will be advertising and hosting a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2025. The time is still being worked out as we are trying to coordinate with our weekly meeting with the demolition contractor.

10/7/2025

The Fire Station work continues as the bids for the demolition have come in, and the low bidder was SMI out of Norwood, MA. The bid price came in at $2,389,533, which includes the removal of the Asbestos. A Pre-Construction Meeting with SMI is scheduled for this Thursday (October 9, 2025), and we will have a schedule to send out after this meeting. We will also be advertising and hosting neighborhood meetings to update the neighborhood on when the work will begin and what to expect during the demolition.

9/16/2025

The Fire Station work continues as the bid documents for the demolition of the old middle school and auditorium hit the street on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. We had an issue with the legal advertisement initially posted on September 4, 2025, but we corrected it and reposted it last Thursday, September 11, 2025. The first ad incorrectly stated that we were demolishing the gym and ice rink. However, the bid documents posted in Project Dog, which were posted last Friday, were correct and accurately stated that we were taking down the old middle school building and auditorium. We apologize for any confusion this has caused and will make sure that all future legal ads are correct. Potential bidders completed a walk-through of the building on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 11:00 am

9/2/2025, 8/12/2025

The Fire Station work continues as the bid documents for the demolition of the old middle school and auditorium will hit the street on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. We have been working with KBA, our designer P3, our owner's project manager, and our site surveyors, Grady Associates, to finalize the demo package and reroute utilities to the Gym and Rink during demolition.

7/22/2025

The Fire Station Building Committee has voted on our new Architect and Designer for the new Fire House to be constructed on Pauline Street at the Old Middle School Site. I have started contract negotiations with Kaestle & Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA). We look forward to working with KBA as we move forward with the design of the building.

6/17/2025

We are working on the Hazmat remediation plan for the Old Middle School and auditorium with our Owners Project Manager (OPM). We hope to have the plan and quantities of Asbestos to be removed completed before we hire a designer. The Request for Qualifications (RFG) for the Architect/Designer are due on June 25, 2025 and we plan to have an Architect on board by mid-July.

6/3/2025

The Owners Project Manager (OPM) interviews have been completed, and we have decided to move forward with Project Planning Professionals (P3) and their owner/president, Dan Pallotta. The next step for this project is to put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the designer/Architect for the project.

5/20/2025, 5/6/2025

The Owners Project Manager (OPM) interviews for the Fire Station Building Project will be held at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, starting at 4 pm, with the last interview starting at 7 pm. The agenda and list of companies to be interviewed can be found at www.winthropma.gov.

4/1/2025

The Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Pauline Street Fire Station Floor Repair is due April 10, 2025. Potential bidders have sent us follow-up questions that we have responded to. We look forward to the bid opening on April 10, 2025.

3/18/2025

The IFB for the Pauline Street Fire Station Floor Repair is out, and the bid due date has been extended to April 10, 2025. Potential bidders have sent us follow-up questions, and we are waiting for the structural engineer to respond. Proper notifications have been sent out.