

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE  
JUNE 27, 2016  
PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was conducted by the Budget Review Committee for the full Board of Aldermen on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Richard A. Dowd, Chair, presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Vice Chair  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness  
Alderman David Schoneman  
Alderman Ken Siegel

Also in Attendance: Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

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**R-16-040**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED  
THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,650,000)  
FOR THE SPIT BROOK ROAD FIRE STATION 3 BUILDING RENOVATIONS**

As provided for in NRO 5-28, Chief Galipeau gave a brief explanation on Resolution R-16-040.

Chief Steven Galipeau, Nashua Fire Rescue

This project started in around 2008/2009 under Chief Morrissey. It's been one that's been on the back burner and we kept trying to bring it to the surface. Back in 1977 when the building was built it was originally designed to the way we are trying to get it designed today. A bay was cut off back in the day to save some money. The building was built to house 15 people 24 x 7 and now we are currently housing 32 people 24 x 7. The size of their response district has quadrupled from what it was back in 1977. There's been a lot of development in that area of south Nashua. We've been working with Port One Architects to get to this point and we look forward to moving the project forward.

This would be an aerial view of the facility and all but the third to the left is the current building. That consists of an apparatus bay on the first floor. It allows us to have proper storage of protective equipment and because of it being a public building and using public funds to put this addition on we will have to install an elevator in there. It will also afford us with a legitimate area to have some physical fitness equipment. Currently we have it jammed into a small closet area and year after year when Risk Management comes in they write us bad reviews about our workout area down there and that it's unsafe. The second floor has some crew quarters. We have enlarged the crew quarters and it will also include a women's washroom area and locker facility. It will also have a library and the PT area will be up on the second floor to the rear of the building.

Alderman Schoneman

Is there presently a women's locker room?

Chief Galipeau

Currently there is a single use facility in the basement and a half facility upstairs and then the regular facilities. It's not really convenient for co-ed living.

Alderman Schoneman

The elevator is required because it's two levels. If it wasn't two levels would there be an elevator requirement? Obviously not, right?

Chief Galipeau

When we met with the building and planning departments this was discussed and they said we were required to put an elevator in.

Alderman Schoneman

On the first floor it's an equipment bay. Where do we presently store the equipment?

Chief Galipeau

Right now we have the equipment hanging on the walls along the wall where the exhaust pipe is. We also have some equipment stored on the stairs which is actually a violation of the fire code.

Chairman Dowd

Are you referring to the trucks themselves?

Alderman Schoneman

I remember a discussion about a building not being quite long enough and something at the back of the truck was that for this station?

Chief Galipeau

Yes.

Alderman Schoneman

So we are not changing that dimension we are just adding this bay?

Chief Galipeau

By adding this bay we can put the ladder truck in that bay and the area where they do the workout won't be in that area. The big thing that this affords us is nights/weekends/holidays; especially in the colder months, if either the engine or the pumper truck or the ladder truck were to go out of service during those times we are forced in that one facility to pay the premium dollar to call a mechanic in to repair the vehicle. We can't park a spare vehicle outside in the real cold weather. By adding this third bay it will give us the ability to be able to bring either the spare ladder or spare pump down there and run throughout the night or the weekend and then get the mechanic to figure out what the problem is during regular business hours.

Alderman Schoneman

So that extra bay could accommodate a truck?

Chief Galipeau

Absolutely.

Alderman Schoneman

But it's otherwise just for equipment storage?

Chief Galipeau

No, it's for the ladder truck; it's wider and it will allow them to be able to open up the compartments inside the facility and take equipment out during apparatus checks. In the current apparatus bay the ladder is within about 3' of the outside wall so when they have to check the hydraulic tools they have to physically pull the truck out regardless of what the temperatures are or the weather conditions.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR

Mr. Paul Garant, 163 Harris Road, Vice Chair, Board of Fire Commissioners

This project has long been supported by the fire commissioners and has been presented on many occasions to the Capital Improvements Committee. We are in need of additional space and one of the things that this does provide is the ability to house one of the forestry trucks in the south end of the city where there is a greater potential for the need of that vehicle. This allows the fire department some additional freedom to move vehicles as needed. Sometimes a vehicle is staged in the south end of the city given the traffic concerns and this would allow them not to place the vehicle in the inside of the station rather than just staging in the parking area. The Board supports this and we have supported it consistently. I hope this Board tonight will vote in favor of the addition.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION – There was none.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR – There was none.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION – There was none

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:12 p.m.

Alderman Sean M. McGuinness  
Committee Clerk

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JUNE 27, 2016

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Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Vice Chair  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness  
Alderman David Schoneman  
Alderman Ken Siegel

Also in Attendance: Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

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PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-16-040**

Endorsers: Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Ken Siegel  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

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**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

You've heard from the Chief and he gave an explanation regarding what this addition will do for the southern part of the city and I would just hope that this committee would recommend final passage. There has been conversation in the southern part of the city about this addition and the need for this addition for many years. Our population has grown, not just in people but the density in terms of buildings. I would hope that you would support this.

Alderman Schoneman

It sounds like this has been in the works for a long time. I heard that it came before the Capital Improvements Committee a number of times and it was obviously rejected and I'm wondering why it was rejected, was it because of lack of funds? Has it ever come up as a bond issue before?

Alderman McCarthy

I think it has. With regard to the Capital Improvements Committee, all they do is ranks the projects, it doesn't take into account how, if at all, it will be funded. This project has been ranked along with a bunch of other projects from the fire department any number of times and has not been funded by the Board. I think you will find this has had ratings mostly in the high B's or A's.

Alderman Schoneman

Is it rated in the high B's now?

Alderman McCarthy

I don't know exactly where it is right now.

Chief Galipeau

In FY '16 it was the A1 project. Looking forward to FY '17 it's up there with the paving project that is proposed.

Alderman Siegel

Number one I echo the comments of my colleague, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja and living in Ward 9 we can see the effects of the population increase so this is mandatory. I would also say that it's a cautionary tale of how to do things wrong. When you know you have a need then you address the need you don't say well we are going to address part of the need and pretend that it isn't going to be a real need and so here we are and what happened was sure, they saved money in 1977 but it would have been much cheaper and more effective to do it correctly so now we are paying in 2016 dollars for a very poor decision back then so let's do it the right way.

Alderman McCarthy

I couldn't agree more. When I started on the Board the number one rated improvement coming out of Capital Improvements was the Lake Street Fire Station which at the time had been labeled the top project and not funded for 13 years running so we have a rich history of not keeping up on the fire infrastructure but we are actually almost caught up with it now so let's get there and stay there.

Alderman Dowd

Also I think in the last 5 to 10 year period the amount of buildings in that area of the city has at least doubled.

Alderman McCarthy

I guess I will add just one more thing which is we are looking at places to house ladder trucks; I would point out that the cost of this renovation is not that much bigger than the cost of the ladder truck that's going to be in it so it's actually pretty short money to keep those trucks in better condition by giving them a good place to live.

Alderman O'Brien

I too agree. This is an example of when we cut something and we kick the can down the road and now it's here again but the point is today's fire service has changed. In 1977 if we put this bay on we could have used it multiple times to house other equipment. It could have been space that would have grown with the fire department but that opportunity was lost. Today the modern fire service encourages its members to stay physically fit, yet we need a clean area in which to do such. You have to remember that we do have diesel trucks in this building and when they traverse out of the door on an emergency response we do have an air evacuation systems but there are still partial remnants. These people do fight fires and have the possibility of being involved carcinogens and we do need to have a good program where we can clean the structural firefighting gear and that's going to take up some space to put an extractor in. I support this because this is exactly what should have been done in 1977 but by doing it now it will help to modernize this fire service for the protection of the men and women. We ask people, firefighters, to live in these quarters and they should have substantial housing, good enough to fit their duty demands to house them while they perform service to the city.

Alderman Schoneman

Treasurer Fredette, how does the bond for \$1.65 million; how does this bond fit into our overall bond picture for the coming years?

Treasurer Fredette

The bond has been in the plan for years, it's been in the sale plan for years and I have it in for next years' sale. It's nothing new, we planned for it.

Alderman Schoneman

So it fits?

Treasurer Fredette

Yes.

Alderman Siegel

With regard to the bond one comment that I would make is the interest rates the city is seeing right now are at a historic low so it's a clear need and it's a clearly good time to do the funding. You are not going to get a better compurgation of circumstances to do this.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-16-041**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Ken Siegel  
Alderman Don LeBrun  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 159 – OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY, ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 54 – PROPERTY SERVICES, HYDRANT FEES TO DEPARTMENT 109 – CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 56 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELDERLY**

Chairman Dowd

This is Alderman Caron's legislation. Is there any objection to deferring the discussion on this until Alderman Caron is here?

Alderman Wilshire

Treasurer Fredette is here.

Treasurer Fredette

Treasurer Fredette has volunteered to present it if the Board would like to have that done.

Alderman Siegel

I would also like to point out that we are having less frequent meetings and it would first have to come here and then get voted on and then go to the full Board where we have less frequent meetings so if we have an opportunity and Treasurer Fredette is here I would suggest he present and then if we still have concerns after that we can still table it.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

I would like to ask Treasurer Fredette for a brief explanation of the purpose of the money and how it is expected to be spent.

Treasurer Fredette

You might not know but I've been on the Board of the Senior Center for three years now. I was volunteered by Mayor Lozeau and the current Mayor continued with that. About three years ago the Senior Center was going through some tough times but we've had two years in a row that we've been in the black and we are doing very well this year. Last year you were kind enough to send \$35,000 to the Senior Center and this year they are hoping for \$25,000. I think Alderman Caron gave a report on how that money was spent last year. The

first \$10,000 of that was put in a reserve account for future problems; that was something that the Board wanted done. This year they are looking at similar projects that they did last year. It's mostly inside the building such as paint and supplies for two large function rooms on the second floor that have not been touched since the building was built. Ceiling tiles, the cost of the tiles and the labor cost to replace them that were damaged by water a few years ago by a leak. They need to do some improvements with the ADA signage in the building and the largest expense would be stripping and sealing of the wood floor which could cost about \$6,000 but they don't have a firm quote on that, it's an estimate.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

### **R-16-029**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR RIVERWALK WALKWAYS, BRIDGES  
AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING AT LEAST \$500,000 INTO THE  
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

- Tabled 5/23/16

Alderman Siegel

Where are we going with R-16-029, is it just going to sit here like a rotten salmon?

Chairman Dowd

I believe and Alderman McCarthy can correct me if I am wrong but you can take it from the table and vote to indefinitely postpone or you could leave it on the table.

Alderman McCarthy

I sort of looked at it if we happen to find that we have more surplus than we thought or whatever then we could use it as a vehicle to fund it from some other source.

Alderman Siegel

I am fine with leaving it on the table I just wanted to recognize that those funds are frozen until such a point as the legislation is disposed of.

Chairman Dowd

Right.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

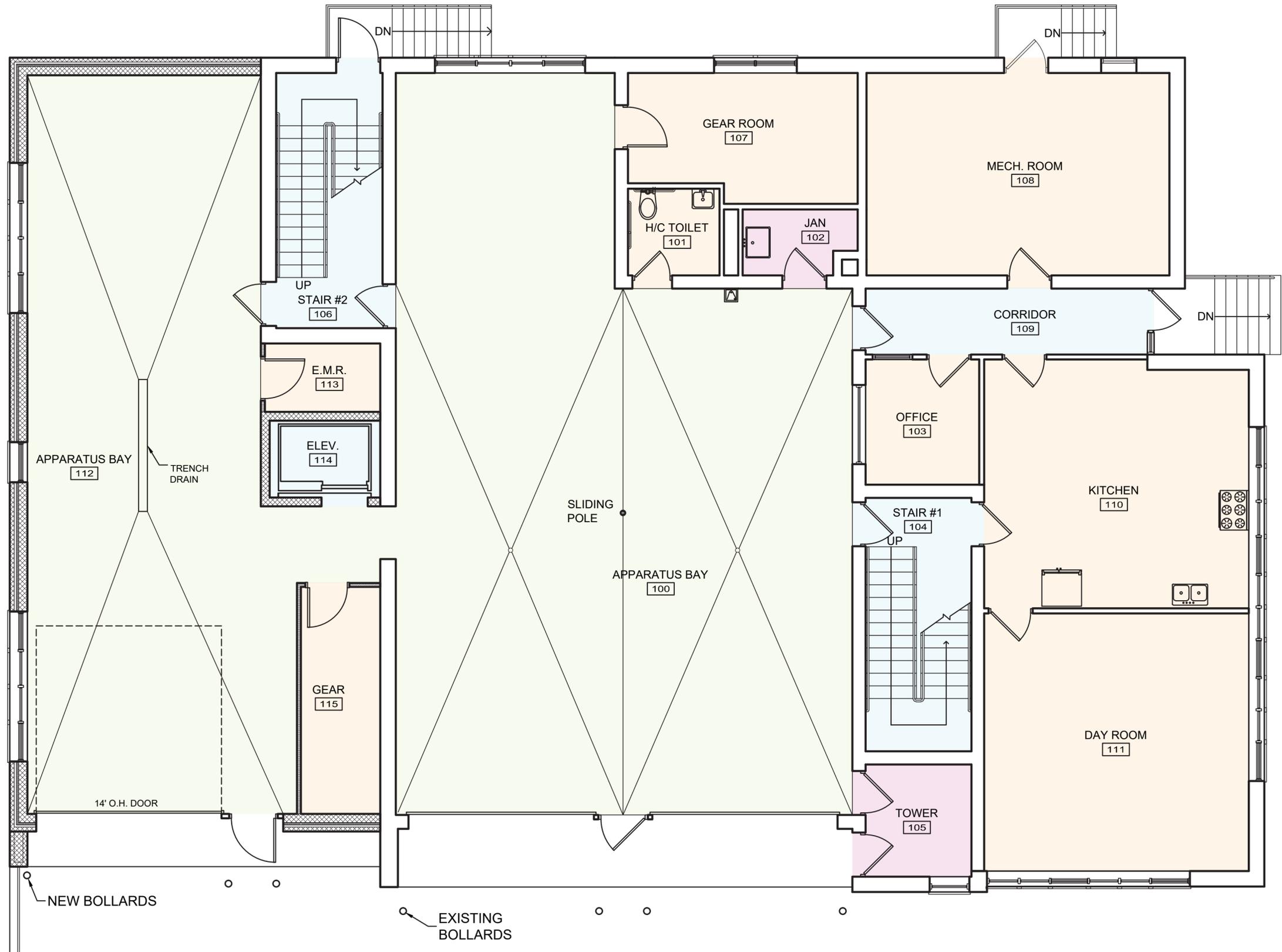
POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:28 p.m.

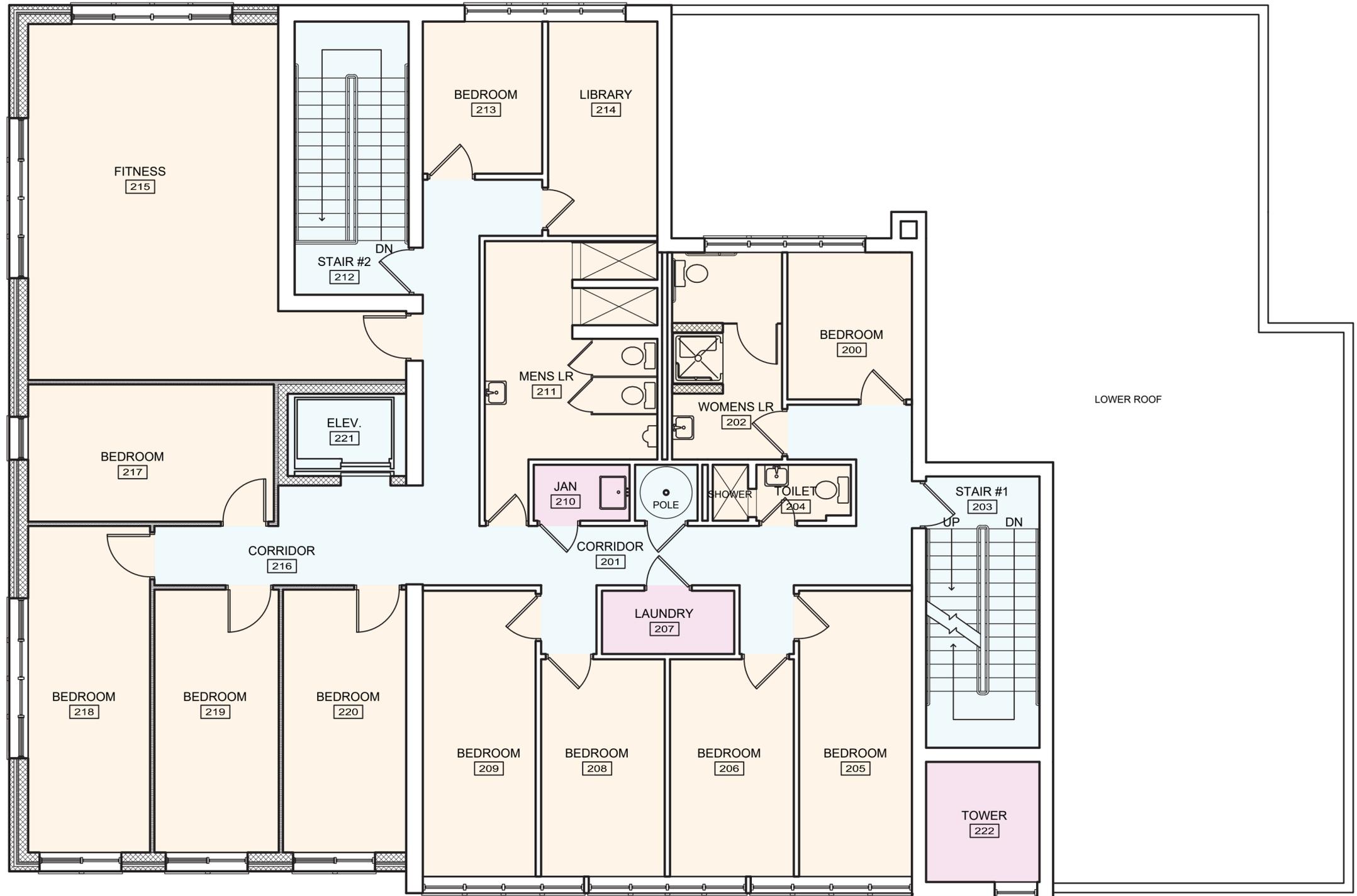
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness  
Committee Clerk



FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'

ADDITION TO THE  
**SPIT BROOK ROAD - STATION #3**  
 NASHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT





SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'

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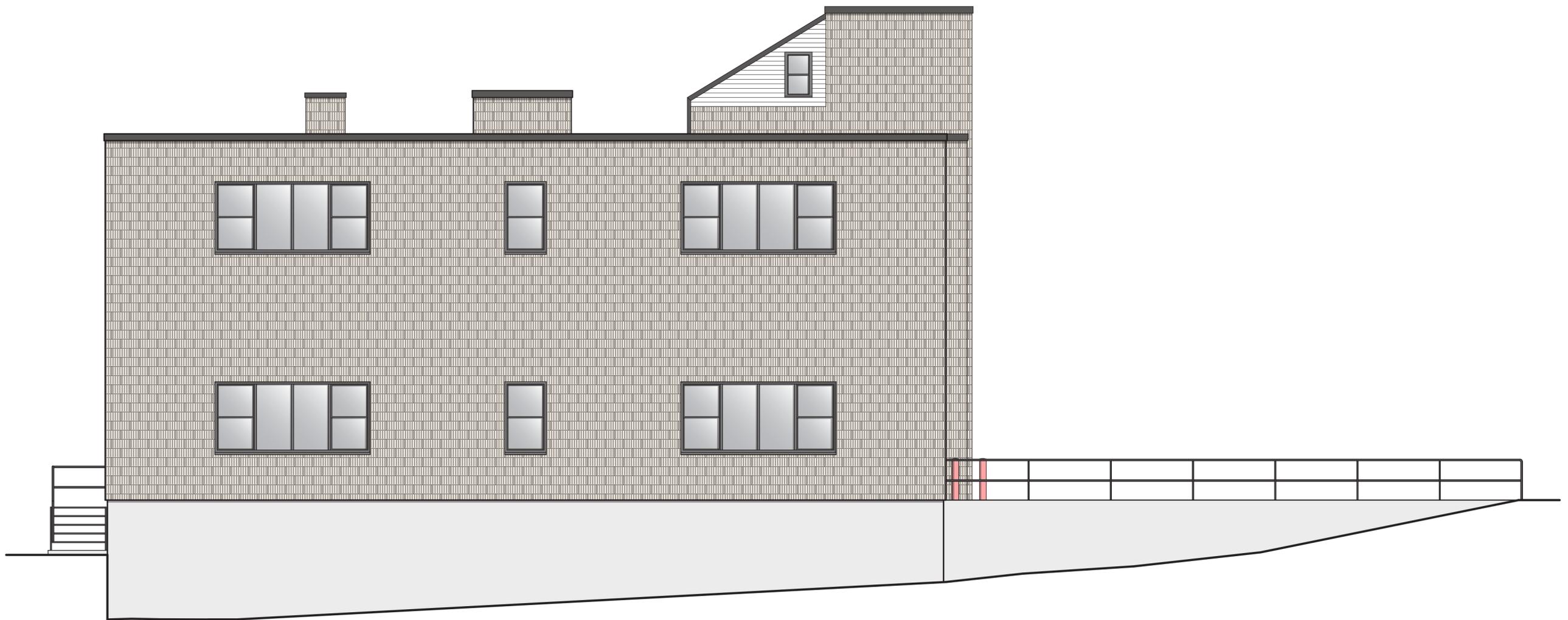


SOUTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'



ADDITION TO THE  
**SPIT BROOK ROAD - STATION #3**  
NASHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT

PORT ONE ARCHITECTS



WEST ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'



ADDITION TO THE  
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NASHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT

**PORT ONE** ARCHITECTS



NORTH ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'

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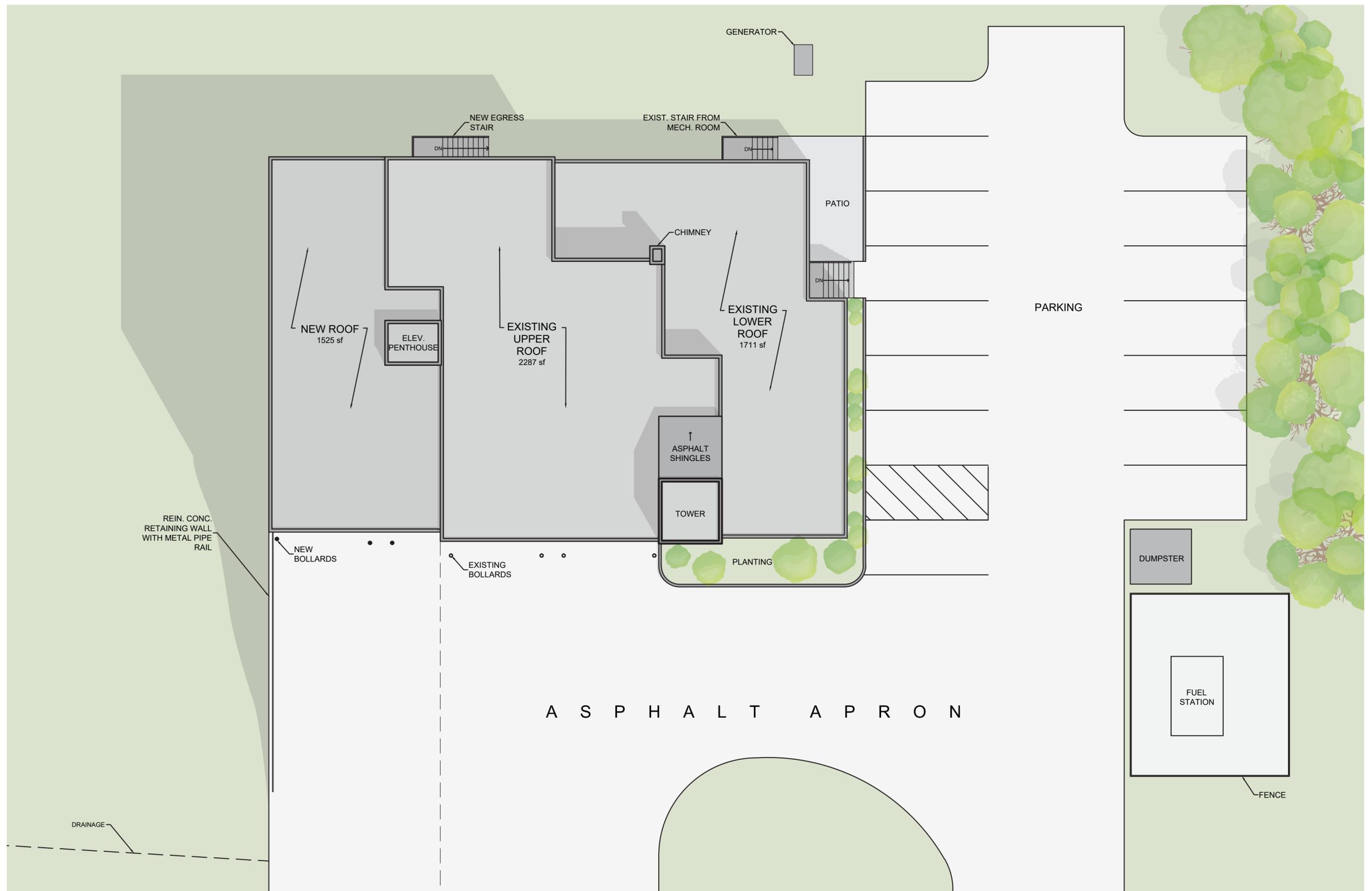




EAST ELEVATION  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'

ADDITION TO THE  
**SPIT BROOK ROAD - STATION #3**  
NASHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT





ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN  
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'

ADDITION TO THE  
**SPIT BROOK ROAD - STATION #3**  
 NASHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT

