

# **Status Report from the OPM & Designer Selection Committee on the Police Department & Town Hall Renovations**

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The Newbury Owner Project Manager and Designer Selection Committee has been hard at work over the past year drafting advertisements, reviewing qualifications and running interviews for the OPM and Designer selections, while abiding by the procurement and contracting procedures required by the public construction laws M.G.L. Chapter 30B and 149 laws governing the procedures for procurement of Project managers and a design team. The goal of public construction is to deliver public facilities that meet the needs of the citizens and public employees who will use them and that represent sound investments of tax dollars. High-quality, cost-effective design and construction services are key to achieving this goal on each public construction project. Before contracting for design services in connection with a public building contract that is estimated to cost \$1.5 million or more, your jurisdiction must contract with or assign qualified OPM to serve as your jurisdiction's agent during the planning, design and implementation of the contract. The OPM must be independent of the project designer, general contractor or any subcontractor.

THE OPMDSC is pleased to announce the selections of Vertex Companies from Weymouth , MA as the town's OPM and Context Architects of Boston as the designer for the Police Station and Town Hall renovations. The Architect's team includes; mechanical, plumbing, electrical, structural, civil and landscape consultants. Starting in January, preliminary programing and review of the conceptual design plans review will be the first task.

The Committee has completed its charter and the project will now move to its next phase; to be overseen by a new committee called "TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE"