

2006 NEWBURY MASTER PLAN

CHAPTER IV

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES AND RECREATION

Recommendations: Fire Protection and Ambulance Services

The following recommendations are made for the Newbury Fire Protection & FAST Squad Services:

1. The Fire Department should continue to participate in the Town's Capital Improvement Program for capital projects needed by the department including equipment replacement, building and other capital needs.
2. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to study the need and feasibility of establishing an auxiliary fire station in South Newbury. The study should take a comprehensive look at the emergency response service town-wide, including such areas as Bay Point Road and Chalk Pond. It should identify the number and type of emergency response calls in the various parts of the community and identify the number of homes and people to be served in the various areas of Town. It is suggested the committee consist of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, the Planning Board, the Fire Department, the FAST Squad, and property owners in South Newbury. One alternative for the committee to consider is reuse of the old highway garage. This is suggested to be studied as reflected in the Highway Department recommendations below. This committee should issue its report to the Town in about 5 years. . If the decision is to move forward with an auxiliary fire station in South Newbury, then it should be incorporated into the Town Capital Improvement Program.
3. It is recommended that the Town study the cost and feasibility of having a limited number of full-time fire fighters, who are also rescue certified, to be available during weekday business hours.
4. In order to improve the availability of water supplies for fire fighting purposes in Town, the following recommendations are made:
 - A. The Fire Department should identify and map the locations of existing, available water supplies and where additional supplies are needed. When completed, this map should be incorporated into the Master Plan.
 - B. The Fire Department should then identify the costs associated with

developing those additional water supplies (easement acquisition, driveway access or pull-off, dry hydrant, etc.) and incorporate those capital costs into the Capital Improvement Program.

C. For new developments not served by existing, improved water supplies, the Planning Board should continue to require developers to provide a water supply for fire fighting purposes or provide their proportional fair share towards the development of a new water supply system.

5. The Town should continue to provide financial support for operating expenditures and use the ambulance services of the New London Hospital and the Bradford Rescue Squad. Additionally, the Town should continue the cooperative agreement on the capital cost of ambulance vehicle replacement with the Bradford Rescue Squad and incorporate this cost into the Town's Capital Improvement Program.
6. In the near future, the Police Station should be relocated out of the Fire Station to a different location, and the Fire Station should be expanded and renovated. Additional office space for administrative functions is the major shortcoming with the existing facility.