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Tours of DPW Facility – Tuesday, May 10th and Thursday, May 12th

Town-Wide Special Election – Wednesday, May 18th

Dear Town Residents:

A special Town-wide election will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 to vote on funding for a new DPW Operations Building. This year's Annual Town Meeting unanimously approved the construction of a new DPW office facility, subject to the approval of a debt-exclusion question by the Town's voters.

We invite you to tour the current MLP/DPW administration building and the site of the proposed new building prior to the Special Election. Please join us at the MLP/DPW Administration Building, 2 Municipal Way (next to the Fire Station on Route 9) at any one of the following dates and times:

- **Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:30AM, 12:30PM and 4:00PM**
- **Thursday, May 12th, at 7:30AM, 12:30PM and 4:00PM**

To summarize the information provided to Town Meeting:

- Current building, constructed in 1948, has inadequate space and has many deficiencies including code issues (ADA, state and local safety and building code requirements).
- Original plan to replace the building in 2007 was deferred to allow other Town building projects to move forward.
- Construction bids for the new building were opened February 28, 2011. Bid price is **9.5% BELOW** construction estimate, which already included cost savings for current economic climate.
- Total project cost estimate is \$3,595,000, which includes \$200,000 contingency.
- The project received unanimous support by Town Meeting and now goes to a Town-wide debt exclusion vote to fund the construction. As a debt exclusion, the cost would not affect the operating budgets of Town Departments. The cost to the median household would be \$29 in the first year, and declining thereafter.
- The alternative to constructing a new DPW Operations Building would be to repair the current building, at a projected cost of \$4,500,000.

We hope you will join us for a building tour. Information on this project is also available on the Town website (www.welleseyma.gov) under "Current Projects".

Paul Criswell, Chair
For the Board of Public Works