

PRESS RELEASE

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GILMANTON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

If you have driven by the worksite recently, you may have seen that work is progressing at a fast pace on our new Public Safety Building! As of Thursday morning 6/17, 3 walls were up and the crew was busy erecting the last of the roof trusses. By Saturday, all wall framing should be complete and possibly the plywood on the roof.

The goal is to get the building topped and wrapped so that it is weather-tight and the crews can begin doing the wiring and plumbing, the wallboards and all the finishing work inside.

The Board of Selectmen and the other members of the Building Committee made decisions from the very beginning about providing energy efficiency during the construction of the building, rather than retrofitting the building at some point, as we are considering doing with our standing municipal buildings. Our builder recently had an information session with members of the Energy Committee and a member of the Select Board and reviewed the plans. Their input was very helpful and we are considering some additional changes for energy efficiency.

Our goal has been to deliver a building which is as energy efficient as possible and as maintenance free as possible, without exceeding the budget given to us at Town Meeting. As we planned the building with Ricci Construction, we invested in upgrades beyond the current building code requirements including windows, doors, insulation, lighting, heating and air conditioning, to save the Town money going forward and to reduce our carbon footprint.

- All our outdoor lighting is LED, with dual controls for time and motion. All our indoor lighting is T-5 and is controlled with motion detectors.
- Our furnaces are rated at 95% efficiency.
- Our insulation was upgraded from batt insulation to 5 ½" wet sprayed cellulose insulation (R-22) for the walls, 11 ¼" dense packed cellulose insulation (R-44) for the roof. Additionally we have 2-inch rigid insulation around the interior of the foundation walls.
- The windows are dual pane, upgraded from standard, and the 14' bay doors have an R-value of 17.5.
- For low maintenance, we are using a combination of fiber cement clapboard siding and vinyl shake siding for contrast. Our roof shingles are architectural 30-year warranty.
- We have included high density impact resistant drywall in the booking room and moisture resistant drywall on all bay walls.

Next time you drive by the worksite, take a quick look at our building. It is taking shape before our very eyes!

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