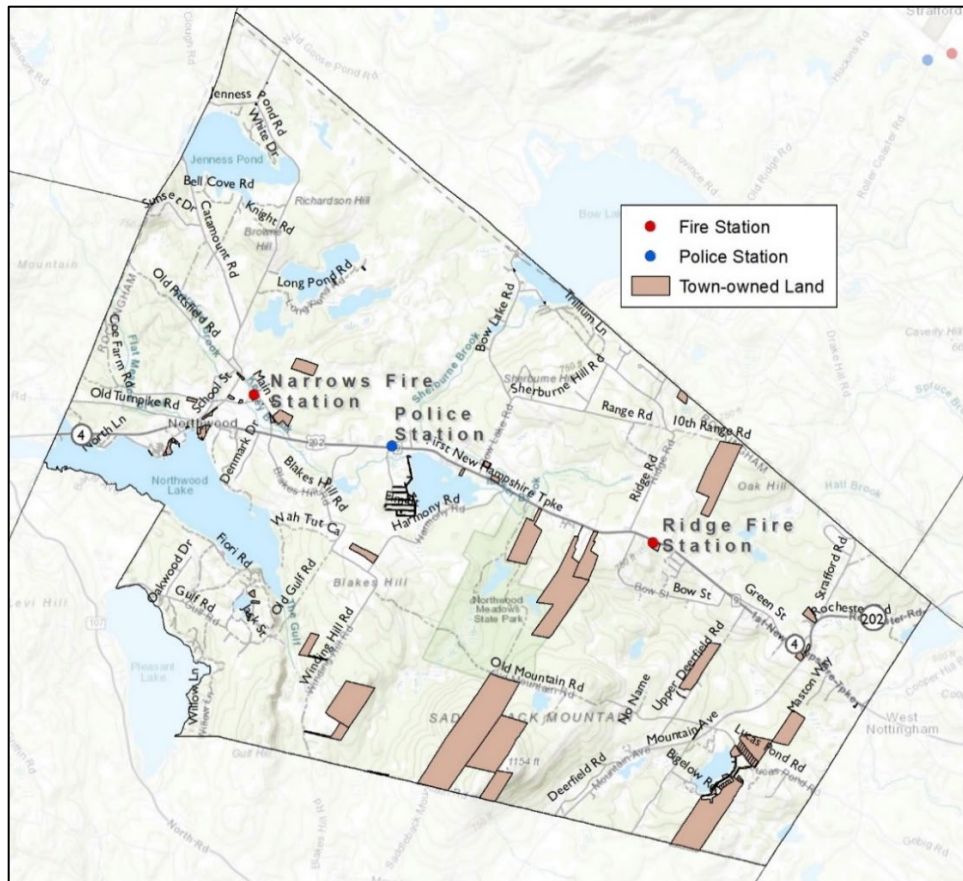




The Town of Northwood has initiated a year-long process to identify potential solutions to the facility needs of the Town's first responders and the community. This survey is intended to collect input from community members on this topic. Your input is valued and critical to this planning process. To learn more about the Town's police and fire facilities, please visit <https://bit.ly/NWFacilities>. **New facilities have been discussed at Town Hall, but no decisions have been made on prospective locations, size, or building configuration.** The locations of the existing police and fire stations and existing Town-owned land are shown in the map below.



You can complete this survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWfacilities>, or by scanning this QR code with your phone. The survey will be open from March 14 – April 30, 2023.



1. Please choose the option(s) that best describes you: (choose all that apply)

- Resident, year-round
- Resident, seasonal or part-time
- Owner of a business located in Northwood
- Employee of a business located in Northwood
- Volunteer on a board, committee, commission of the Town of Northwood
- Employee of the Town of Northwood
- Member of Police or Fire Department
- Other. Please explain: _____

2. Have you seen the informational material about the public safety facilities and this planning effort? (choose all that apply)

- I've seen the Public Safety Facilities brochure available online at:
https://www.northwoodnh.org/assets/municipal/43/postings/NW_Facilities_Outreach_Brochure_2.22.23.pdf and in print at the Town Offices
- I've visited the Public Safety Facilities website (<https://bit.ly/NWFacilities>)
- I've watched the Town's informational video about the police and fire stations (<https://bit.ly/NWfacilitiesvideo>)

3. Would you be interested in: (choose all that apply)

- Attending an open house at the police and/or fire stations?
- Attending a listening session to discuss potential public safety facilities solutions? Note that a listening session will be held in mid-June 2023. All are welcome.

Questions Specific to Police Department Facilities

4. I have visited the Police Station.

- Yes
- No
- No, but I would like to

5. Northwood’s police station needs to be expanded and/or replaced now.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don’t know

6. When I dial 911 for the Police Department, I expect police will arrive in:

- 5 minutes or less
- 5 to 10 minutes
- 10 to 20 minutes

7. How important are the following to you: (mark one circle per row)

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important
Average or better than average response time from the Police Department to emergency calls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability of the Town to attract and retain Police Department personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and wellbeing of Police Department personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and wellbeing of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How much the cost of a new or improved Police Department facility would impact my taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Questions Specific to Fire Department Facilities

8. I have visited the Ridge Fire Station (located next to the school).

- Yes
- No
- No, but I would like to

9. I have visited the Narrows Fire Station.

- Yes
- No
- No, but I would like to

10. Northwood's Ridge Fire Station needs to be expanded and/or replaced now.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

11. Northwood's Narrows Fire Station needs to be expanded and/or replaced now.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

12. When I dial 911 for the Fire Department, I expect that manned fire trucks will arrive in:

- 10 minutes or less
- 10 to 20 minutes

20 to 30 minutes

13. When I dial 911 for the medical emergency response, I expect an ambulance will arrive in:

5 minutes or less

5 to 10 minutes

10 to 20 minutes

14. How important the following are to you: (mark one circle per row)

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important
Average or better than average response time from the Fire Department to emergency calls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability of the Town to attract and retain Fire Department personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and wellbeing of Fire Department personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and wellbeing of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How much the cost of a new or improved Fire Department facility(ies) would impact my taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Questions pertaining to both Police and Fire Department Facilities

15. When looking at options to improve public safety facilities and services, the Town should explore the following alternatives: (mark one circle per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Build a new facility that serves both the police and fire departments. Please explain the reason for your answer: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a new stand-alone police station. Please explain the reason for your answer: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a new stand-alone Fire Department headquarters. Please explain the reason for your answer: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retrofit the Narrows fire station to make it suitable as a headquarters. Please explain the reason for your answer: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify: _____					

16. The Town should explore the following options as facility sites: (mark one circle per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Use land that is currently owned by the Town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buy land that is currently privately owned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buy privately owned land with an existing building that can be retrofitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other, please specify: _____					

17. If the Town of Northwood were to use a 20-year bond to pay for the costs of addressing the long-term needs of both the Police and Fire Departments, what level of annual payments would you consider to be a reasonable investment for the average Northwood homeowner (\$400,000 assessed value)?

- \$180 per year, which enables us to borrow \$5 million.
- \$216 per year, which enables us to borrow \$6 million.
- \$248 per year, which enables us to borrow \$7 million.
- Other, please specify _____

18. Would you like to receive updates about the process of investigating potential location(s) for a new facility(ies) and to be notified of public input opportunities? If so, please provide an email address.

Name: _____ Email: _____

19. We value your input. Please use this space to provide any additional information you would like to share or ask questions that are relevant to this topic.

Thank you for participating!

Please return paper copies of the survey to the Town Offices by April 30, 2023.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/NWFacilities> or contact Town Administrator Walter Johnson to learn more about this planning process.

