

Town of Belmont  
Department of Public Works  
Public Informational Meeting

Public Comments

The following is a summary of the comments/suggestions made by the public at the two December 6, 2005 and the February 07, 2006 public meetings for the new DPW facility:

December 06, 2005

- Expressed concern with the height of the new building. Would like to avoid disrupting sight lines from Waverly Terrace.
- Expressed concern with a second floor building that would look into adjacent property.
- Concerned with spillover of site lighting into adjacent property.
- Would like the DPW to avoid second floor occupied areas.
- Concerned that a portion of the property would be sold off if not used by the DPW.
- Stated that if access were provided to Pleasant Street, they would like the access to be restricted to DPW only. No public access.
- Concerned with illegal dumping by non-town personnel. Suggested that site be completely secured with fencing and other security measures.
- Suggested shielding any unsightly yard items (e.g. dumpsters, bulk materials, etc.).
- Suggested improving natural buffers along property lines with neighbors.
- Would like the “Town Dump” image changed for the site.
- Stated that the building aesthetics are important.
- Stated that they don’t want to look out their windows and see roof top units and air conditioning units or a solid wall.
- Suggested siting building to shield yard activities.
- Suggested that the DPW consider a courtyard layout.
- Stated that they do not want an exterior public address system.
- Suggested keeping salt storage as far from neighbors as possible.
- Stated that they don’t ever want a hazardous waste collection facility as the site.
- Stated that they want the DPW yard to look nice and be maintained.
- Suggested that the DPW look into noise barriers to help reduce noise levels.
- Suggested rearranging Electric Light Plant as part of this project.
- Requested that the ventilation system be a quiet system and be faced away from the neighbors.
- Stated that they are not in favor a recycle center / swap center.

February 07, 2006

- Expressed concern with the option that shows all traffic coming down one street.
- Expressed concern that an at-grade crossing would never be approved by the State.
- Suggested adding trees along the property lines to shield activities.
- Expressed concern over the swap center/recycling center. Stated that they do not want this to be on site because it will increase traffic to the site. Do not want the DPW to be open on the weekends for these activities.
- Expressed concern about the amount of dust generated on the site. Town stated that this will be reduced after everything is put under cover and the site is paved. Currently a majority of the site is unpaved resulting in the generation of dust.
- Stated that they would like the truck traffic to be evenly distributed to each access road.
- Suggested that the Town conduct a detailed traffic study
- Asked if the DPW facility could be constructed in phases over many years.

- Suggested that the DPW be connected to the Light Department building.
- Suggested connecting Alt D parking lot to Prince Street.
- Stated that direction lighting is very important to eliminate light spillover onto neighbors' property.
- A majority of the Public stated that they like Alt D but would like to see the following changes:
  - Spread out parking across the site
  - Move fuel island away from neighbors
  - Move material storage away from neighbors
  - Segregate the front parking areas with natural buffer