

Facilities Plan for Town Buildings Town of Hadley, Massachusetts

THE NEED FOR SWING SPACE

The sequence of the renovations or additions to the Town's building must consider how continuous operations of the Town functions can be maintained during the work. The Russell School and Senior Center are the only buildings that are not fully occupied and are therefore the best candidates for providing swing space. The Senior Center is handicapped accessible and should therefore be the first choice.

As a swing space the senior center functions may have to be somewhat limited during the renovations of the other buildings to accommodate the temporary occupants. Senior Center renovations and/or moving Park and Recreation to this building would need to be postponed until the need for swing space is removed.

Phasing of work will also help in managing swing space needs. For example the library renovations for the most part can occur while the building is occupied. Services will need to be limited and some off-site storage may be necessary. The Public Safety renovations could also occur while the building is occupied and also would benefit from a phased approach.

The Highway Garage will not have the convenience of swing space if Option#1 is selected. In this case a phased approach could be used to keep the existing garage available while half of the new building is constructed. The new portion can then be occupied while the existing garage is demolished and the remainder of the new building constructed.

With the Highway Garage option 2 or 3 no swing space will be required.

Constructing new facilities for the Fire Station and Town Hall will not require swing space.

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