

Longmeadow Pre-Town Meeting Deliberative Forum

Welcome!

AGENDA

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| 6:30 | Registration and refreshments | |
| 6:45 | Participants welcomed to sit
Introduction to evening's event | Moderator Rebecca Townsend |
| | Introduction of DPW Committee Members | Town Manager Stephen Crane |
| 7:00 | Presentation | Weston & Sampson |
| 7:15 | Small group introductions
Questions about the proposal | Group Moderators, Participants, &
DPW Facility Committee Members |
| 7:30 | Discuss advantages (approx. 15 min) | |
| 7:45 | Discuss disadvantages (approx. 15 min) | Group Moderators, participants |
| 8:00 | Reflection
What key results from your groups?
Any questions remaining? | Moderator |
| 8:15 | Questions about Other Warrant Articles
Prioritize Top 4 to Address | Moderator, Whole group |
| 9:15 | Conclusion | |
| 9:30 | Thank you for participating! | |

Please participate in the Town Meeting on May 9 and 10!

Public Works Facility: Benefits and Costs of Action and Inaction

For the past 30 years, Longmeadow has had a problem about the building used to store heavy equipment and large vehicles that provide for street maintenance, to repair fire hydrants, to serve as a water testing lab and carpentry shop, to serve as the office for engineers and employees who comprise the public works professionals who keep our town infrastructure working. The DPW Task Force outlined the problems associated with the current building and site. Because a set of proposals is on the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, voters on May 9, 2017 Town Meeting will discuss the proposals and make a decision on what to do. As town citizens, our role is to consider the problem, the proposed solution, understand our options, deliberate on their advantages and disadvantages, and make a decision at Town Meeting. This forum is meant to allow you to learn more about the issue and to consider the consequences for each option.

You as citizens have the final say over what happens.

1. **Introduce yourself briefly.** State your name and a brief reason that brings you here to discuss the DPW facility (under a minute, please).
2. **First ask questions you have about the proposal.** Each group should have a DPW Facility Committee member available to answer questions. During consideration of the options, additional questions may arise, as may people's stories and more facts.
3. **Discuss the Pros and Cons**
 - **Option 1 VOTING YES.** Consider the advantages of the proposal. What might be the benefits of voting yes? What does the town gain? What do you gain?
 - **Option 2 VOTING NO.** Consider the disadvantages of the proposal. What might be the benefits of voting no?
 - Ensure each benefit / advantage / positive outcome and cost / disadvantage / negative outcome is recorded on the newsprint.
 - If you do not personally believe there is a benefit or a drawback to an option, first listen to others' ideas.
 - If no one in your group feels that way, try to think of what someone who supports or opposes this idea might think and why they believe as they do.
4. **Reflection.** What are the impacts and results of voting yes and voting no? What are the key results from each group? What do you want to make sure is in the report that comes from this meeting? What questions do you have remaining? How did this process address your concerns and values?

Some voters may find a trade-off acceptable; friends or neighbors may not. You and your neighbor may both value the quality of life in Longmeadow, but you may disagree on how it should be obtained. Our direct democracy asks that we consider the options available, and make our opinions known. The town benefits when we make a decision informed by all the facts and take into consideration what we all value.

Ground Rules

- Everyone is encouraged to participate; each person gets a chance to talk.
- No one or two individuals dominate. One person talks at a time. Don't cut people off.
- The discussion will focus on the choices. All the major choices or positions on the issue are considered.
- An atmosphere for discussion and analysis of the alternatives is maintained.
- We listen to each other carefully and with respect.
- Help the facilitator keep things on track.

	Option 1: Build New Public Works Facility at 170 Dwight Road	Option 2: Do nothing. Public Works Facility Remains at Pondside Road
Actions	Vote Yes at Town Meeting and Election	Vote No at Town Meeting and Election
Pros		
Cons		