

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PLAN

A proposal for a Public Safety Building, housing both the Police and Fire Departments, is being presented for approval at the 1985 Town Meeting. A Building Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen and charged with the responsibility of evaluating the needs of each department, formulating a plan to meet those needs and preparing a design and cost estimate, has worked for several months on this proposal. After careful study and deliberation, the Committee and Architect Joseph LaGrasse have designed a simple, one story, aesthetically pleasing, efficient, functional and cost effective structure. The building is carefully designed as to be expanded internally, if and when necessary, and serve the needs of each department for at least the next twenty years. The building will be centrally located and one of which our citizens can be proud.

The structure will be located on seven acres of town owned property located at the intersection of Elm Street and Sweet Hill Avenue. Its centralized location would preclude any future need for a Fire Department sub-station in another area of town. The building will be set back 125 feet from the roadway and will provide parking on both sides of an island at the front of the building. Employee parking would be provided on the sides and rear of the building. The natural topography of the land has been retained as much as possible. Containing the costs of this project has been the focus of the Committee's attention throughout its deliberations. The 16,000 square foot structure would be constructed of masonry block with brick facing on the front and sides and a wood band to accent the roof lines.

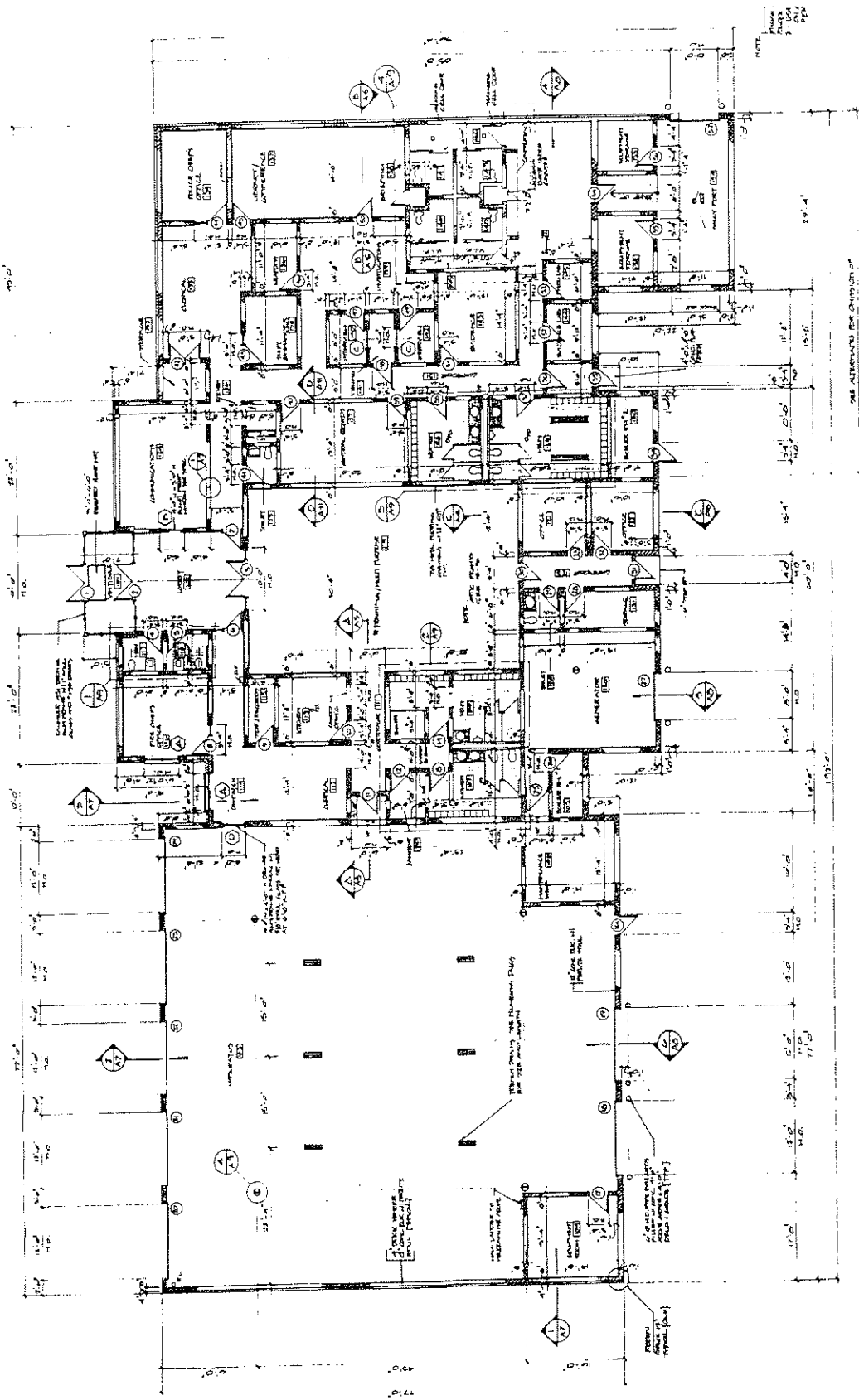
The building will be constructed in three sections. The northern end of the building will contain 4900 square feet for the use of the Police Department. The central portion will contain a public entrance and lobby and will provide access to handicapped persons. Access to all departments is provided from the front lobby area. The Fire Department area consists of 10,700 square feet including a 75' x 75' apparatus floor. The building provides front and rear access to the apparatus floor through 12' overhead doors. This area is adequate to house all equipment presently owned by the Fire Department as well as a proposed ladder truck.

The simple design of a 22' high building on one level, with a 6-inch sloped roof, provides efficiency of function and energy conservation. The circular driveway promotes a smooth traffic flow for all vehicles. By comparison to plans presented at the 1984 Town Meeting, this proposal reflects the careful thinking that went into it. This proposal is 4000 square feet larger than the 1984 proposal and will accommodate department needs for 20 years rather than 5 years. The cost per square foot of the structure is estimated to be less than the average cost for police and fire facility construction (according to Means Catalog) of between \$55.00 and \$75.00 per square foot.

The Town of Plaistow has been growing quite rapidly commercially and it is imperative that safety services keep pace with growth. The Fire Department must be capable of responding to multi-story dwellings. The Police Department must be capable of conducting investigations, interviewing suspects and witnesses in a private area and capable of holding prisoners overnight rather than committing needed patrol units to transport prisoners to Brentwood. Safety services must also continue during power outages or town emergencies and a building housing equipment for emergency power and lighting is essential. Since all police and fire radio equipment needs electricity to operate, an emergency power source would allow them to maintain communications. A 24-hour communications center, under consideration for the future, would allow citizens to obtain immediate response to emergency calls to either the police or fire departments without losing valuable time by routing calls through Exeter or Rockingham Dispatch.

You have been presented with a simple, cost effective, efficient and quite conservative proposal. The needs of our public safety departments will not diminish, they will increase. You can rest assured that the cost of this project will also increase. It can be assumed that you want, and certainly deserve, an immediate response to life threatening situations.

Recent reports show that more than 14 million dollars in construction projects were recorded in 1983 and 1984. The price of this project, as you know, will only increase with time. The needs of each department have been clearly documented. The need for a new building is well past the critical stages. Use of other facilities, division of services and other alternatives have been studied and are considered less efficient and considerably more costly. This committee has worked diligently in the interest of all citizens. Your support is essential.

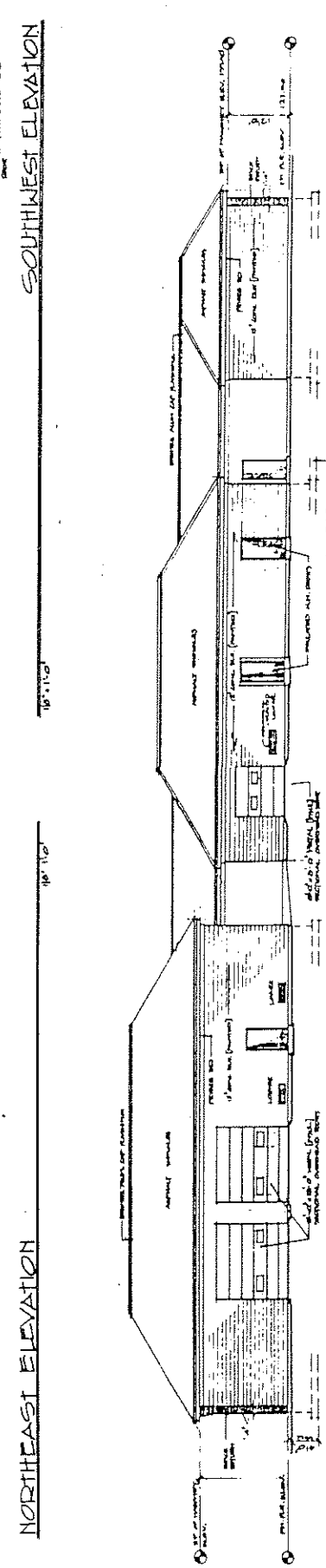
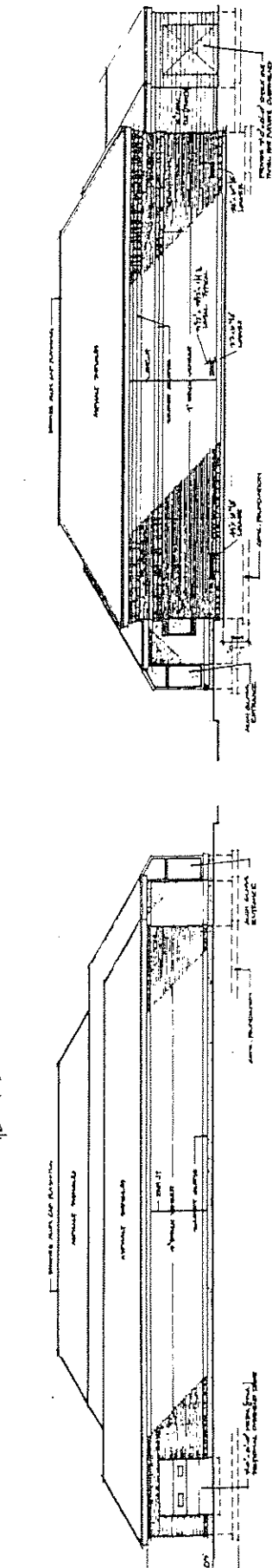
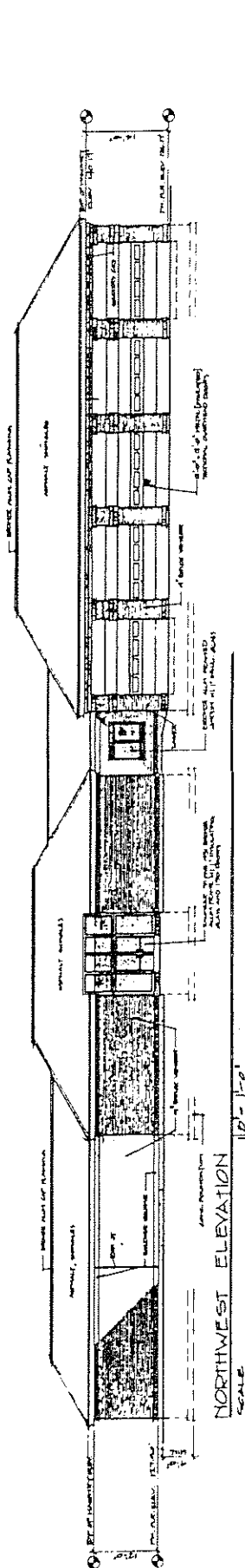


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