PROPOSED UXBRIDGE CENTRAL FIRE STATION SOUTH MAIN STREET LOOKING SOUTHBOUND

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 12, 2015 - 7:00PM
UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
300 QUAKER HGHWAY
BALLOT ELECTION
MAY 19, 2015

PROJECT SUMMARY

The effort to determine the feasibility of renovating the current fire headquarters or building a new station began in the fall of 2013 when the Board of Selectmen authorized the establishment of a Fire Station Feasibility/Design Committee. The Committee consisted of members of the Fire Department and two town residents. The architectural firm of Donham & Sweeney was selected to assist with the effort. While space needs were being worked on, an evaluation of the current fire headquarters was performed by engineers from several disciplines, and it was determined that it would be too costly and result in less usable space to renovate the station.

Several drafts of space needs and estimated costs were developed, and ultimately the Committee agreed on a final version. This was presented to the Board of Selectmen in December of 2014, who once again authorized the continuation of the project and the development of a Schematic Design and more accurate cost estimate. This second phase was completed in early March and again presented to the Board of Selectmen. The Board authorized the Town Manager to negotiate with the land owner for the parcel not owned by the Town. Shortly after, the Town Manager informed the Board that the project could be done without the current tax rate being increased, and the Board set a Special Town Meeting to be held within the Spring Annual Town Meeting with an article to fund a fire station project, and a debt exclusion ballot question for the May Annual Election.

Funding for this effort came from the estate of Virginia and Lester Taft with the specific direction that it be used to fund a building project.

"The current station is inadequate to house modern equipment. I am in favor of this project."
Retired Fire Chief William B. Albin

"It has been my pleasure to have served on both the Fire Station Feasibility and Building committees. I have come to realize how fortunate we in Uxbridge are to have such a great Fire Department under the leadership of Chief William Kessler. We are in need of a modern fire station that will enable our fire department to deliver all the necessary service to serve and protect our community. Please support this worthwhile project."
Resident and Committee member
Harry Romasco

"The addition of the new fire station debt, if approved, will not create an overall increase in taxes, as the new excluded debt would be offset by the retirement of debt associated with the 1996 school remodeling project.
The new facility, in concert with the exterior improvements made at the Town Hall and Senior Center over the past couple years, will allow for the modernization and beautification of the S. Main Street streetscape, as well as provide the Fire Department with a modern facility."
Town Manager David Genereux

""The Uxbridge Fire Department continues to support the public safety needs of our community. The Uxbridge Fire Headquarters is an antiquated facility that officials are working towards replacing with a structure that is conducive to agency and community needs. "
Police Chief Jeffrey Lourie

"The Committee did a superb job in evaluating needs while keeping affordability in mind. This headquarters design will serve the Town well for many decades."
Fire Chief Bill Kessler

PROJECT DETAILS

- 14,365 square feet (current buildings are 6,600 square feet)
- 5 drive-thru apparatus bays
- Will house current apparatus plus the ladder truck
- Improved security for equipment
- Hose tower to be used as training tower
- Radio / Server room to also house the Town's computer and phone servers and equipment for better security and protection
- Meeting room for 24 people
- Designed to meet space needs for at least 30-40 years
- Project budget - $9.25 million
- Will not increase the current tax rate as it replaces the 1996 school project debt that is coming off the schedule
- Will allow for the purchase of standard fire vehicles; current station requires ordering of custom built apparatus
- Meeting room to be dedicated to the memory of Virginia and Lester Taft

Mission Statement
The mission of the Uxbridge Fire Department is to professionally and compassionately protect lives and property in our community from damage or destruction from fire and to provide care during medical emergencies.

Exterior View - Looking North

23 March 2015

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Exterior View - Looking South

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SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

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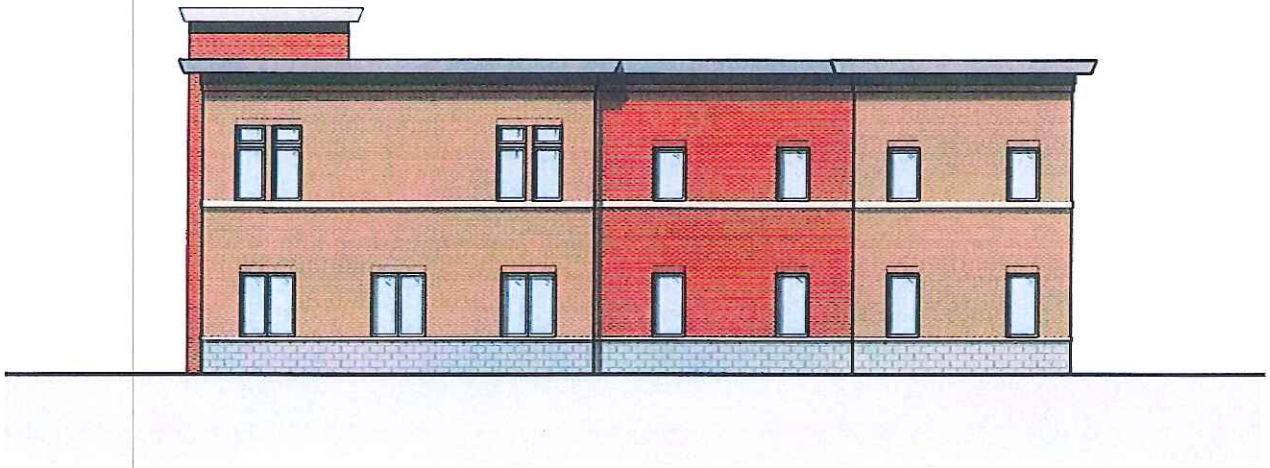

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PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION

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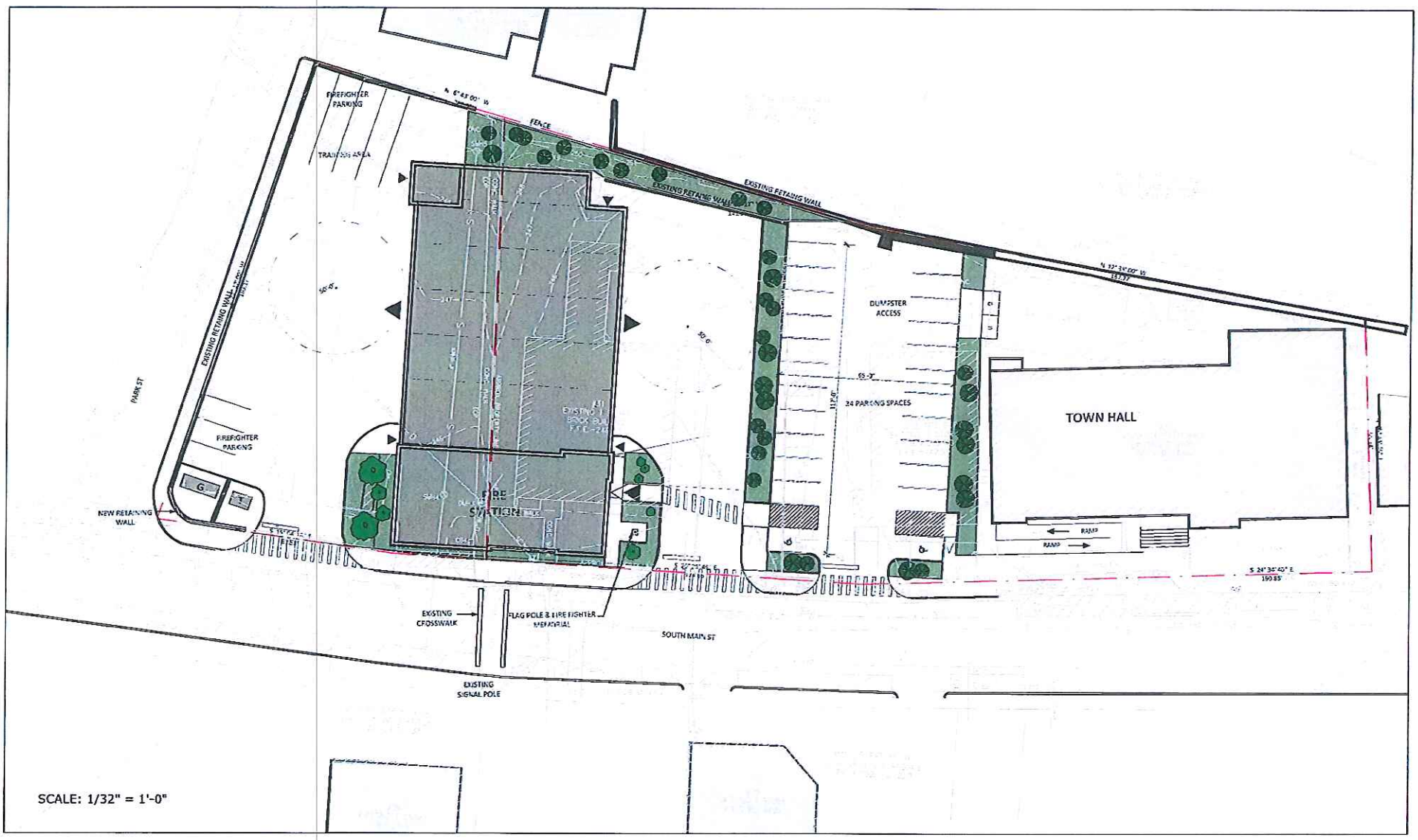

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

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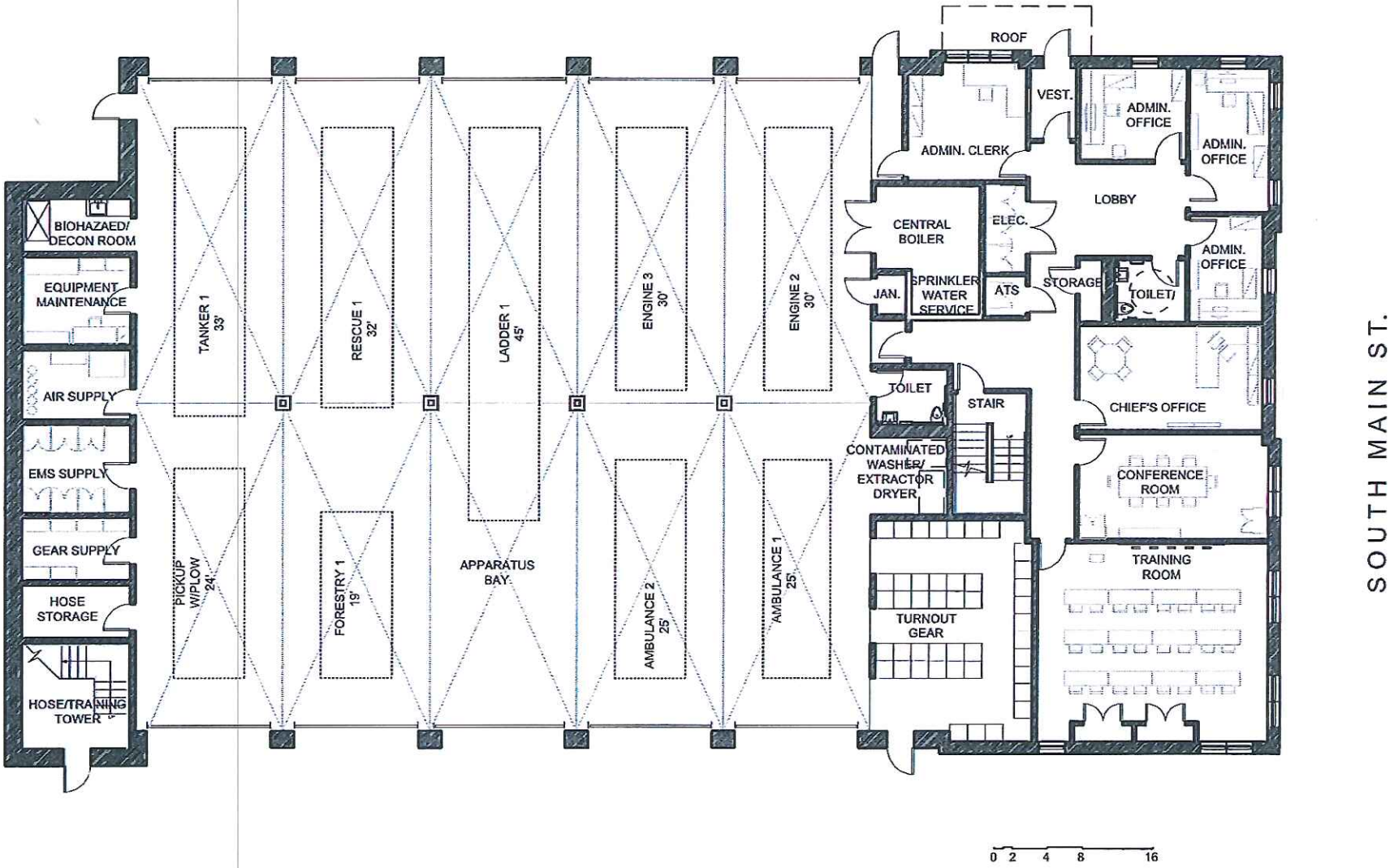

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PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN - FIRST FLOOR SQUARE FOOTAGE- 11,411 GSF

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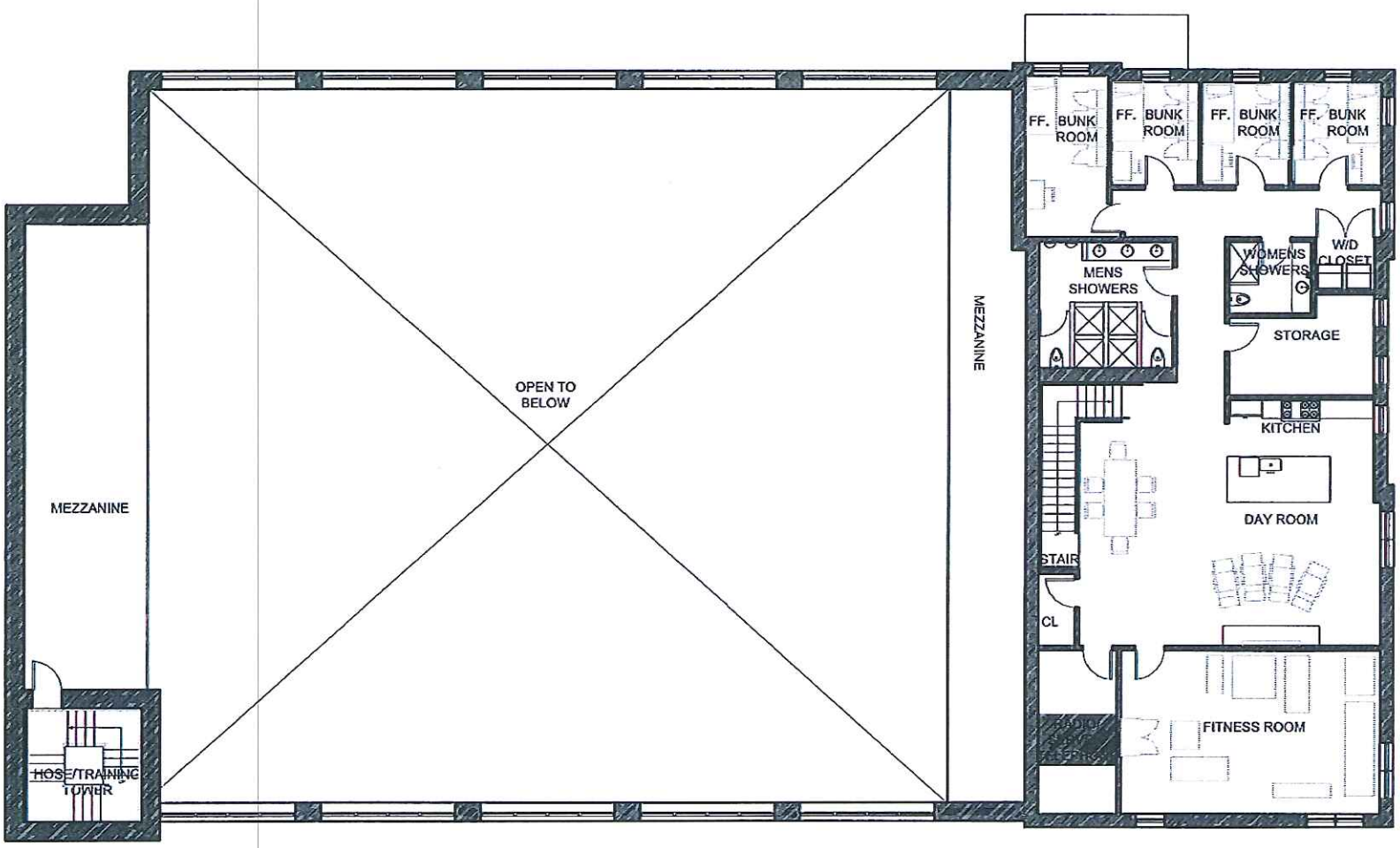

PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN - SECOND FLOOR SQUARE FOOTAGE TOTAL 6,8393 GSF-3,353(TOWER +QUARTERS) + 1,486 MEZZANINE

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