



Town of Danville



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Honorable Christopher Pappas

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March 5, 2023

Dear Congressman Pappas,

My name is Dennis Griffiths and I am one of five members of the Town of Danville's Board of Selectmen. I represent the BOS on our Building Committee which is entirely focused on finding a home for our police department. The PD currently borrows a small section on the bottom floor of the home of the Danville Fire Department in the Kimball Safety Complex. That space consists of roughly 700 square feet made up of 4 small offices and a hallway.

When the current Kimball Safety Complex was constructed and opened in 1988, the Police Department was only supposed to be housed there for seven years until a new, larger police station was built. Thirty 35 years later, the Police Department is still working out of the same four small rooms that were allocated for use within the building.

The Police Department can no longer effectively and safely operate at the current facility. Building a new police station is of course an expensive and complicated endeavor that requires broad public support, which we have, but we continue to fight the headwinds of passing Warrant Articles each year to raise funding for the New Police Building Capital Reserve Fund. We are in desperate need of any help the Federal Government could provide.

The fund today has just over \$105K, and the town will vote on March 14th, 2023, on a WA to move an additional \$420K from tax deed windfall to bolster the account. In March 2020, the citizens voted 498 Yes, 596 no, to a \$2.6M bond funding construction based on solid planning and preparation by the previous members of the Building Committee. It's important to understand Danville is a small bedroom community with a non-existent tax base, other than property taxes. To this end, it is the intent to bring in the building at cost less than \$2M by being flexible with the current plans and location so as to find efficiencies and smarter, more cost-effective ways to update the current plans.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Danville Police Department, Danville Fire Department, and every Danville citizen who proudly lives in one of the top 10 safest towns in New Hampshire, we urge you to consider us for the 2023 Community Development Funding program to help us finally build a home for our Danville's finest.

Kind regards,

Dennis Griffiths
Board of Selectman, Building Committee

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