

TOWN OF HARDWICK**Essential Services Complex****Community Engagement & Information Meeting**

Date: October 8, 2026

Location: Jeudevine Memorial Library (Parker Ladd Rm)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA**1. Welcome & Opening Remarks — Town Manager (5 minutes)**

- Purpose of tonight's meeting
- The importance of community participation
- Understanding the choices and opportunities ahead

2. Project Background — How We Got Here (10 minutes)

- History and current condition of municipal facilities
- Existing challenges facing the Town Garage, Fire Station, and Hardwick Rescue
- Previous planning efforts and the January 2026 presentation
- Why the Town is considering an Essential Services Complex

3. Project Overview & Proposed Development (15 minutes)

- Creamery Road site and proposed layout
- Facility needs and proposed improvements
- Opportunities for shared infrastructure and operational efficiencies
- Project development completed to date
- Anticipated next steps

4. Project Costs & Funding Opportunities (15 minutes)

- Preliminary project cost estimates
- Federal and state grant opportunities
- Proposed local funding and potential bond considerations
- Impacts on municipal finances and taxpayers
- Potential consequences of delaying improvements

5. Community Discussion & Questions (30 minutes)

- Questions regarding project scope, costs, and funding
- Community concerns and priorities
- Alternatives and opportunities for consideration
- Feedback on the proposed path forward

6. Next Steps (5 minutes)

- Additional project development and information gathering
- Future public engagement opportunities
- Selectboard consideration and potential voter decisions
- How residents can stay informed and involved

7. Closing Remarks

This meeting is intended to provide information, answer questions, and gather community input. No final decision regarding project construction or financing will be made as part of this community engagement meeting.

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