

## EXPLANATORY TEXT

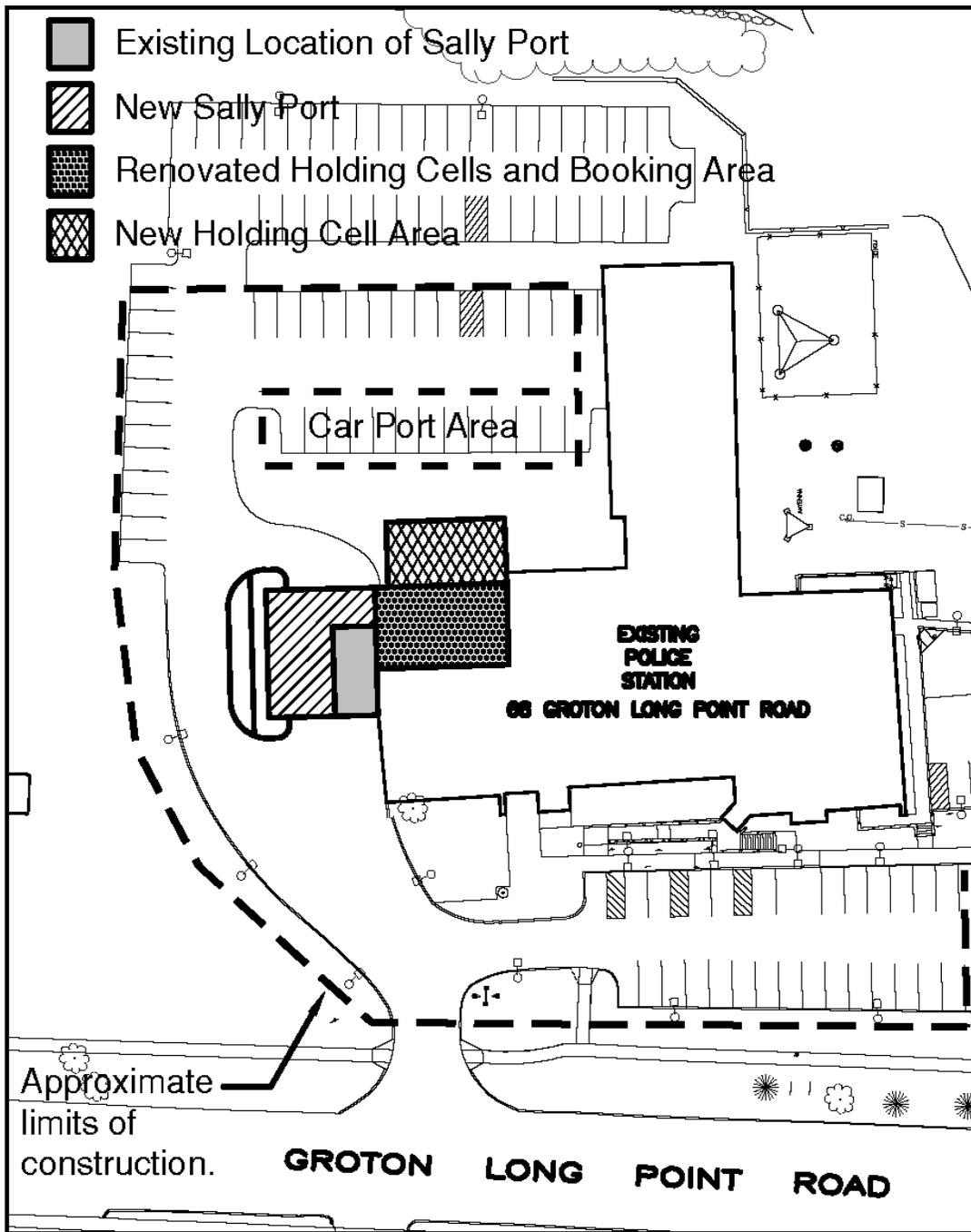
Under Section 5.5.5.1 of the Groton Town Charter, the following question will appear on the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Municipal Election ballot:

**2. Shall the Ordinance appropriating \$5,345,000 and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount for design and construction of improvements to the Town of Groton Police Station be approved?**

- The project includes the complete renovation of the existing detainee processing and detention areas, replacement of the indoor firing range mechanicals and equipment, replacement of the boilers, and the structural reinforcement of the Police Station. The detainee processing and detention area, indoor firing range, and boilers are original to the 1977 construction of the building.
- **Detainee Processing and Detention:** The project will add approximately 3,300 square feet to the detainee entry area, rest rooms, detainee testing and photography space, visitation area, and the interview and release area. There are currently 8 holding cells; as a result of this project there will be a total of 13 holding cells. Holding cell layout will comply with the current State Statutes mandating separation of juveniles from adults, by both sight and sound. One cell will be handicapped accessible per Federal Regulations.
- **Firing Range:** Replace the existing firing range mechanicals and equipment located in the basement of the Police Station.
- **Vehicle Receiving Area/Sally Port:** The current single vehicle area will be replaced to accommodate 4 vehicles as well as larger vehicles such as ambulances and/or other large transport vehicles.
- **Video Monitoring System:** All interior and exterior video monitoring equipment will be replaced to meet current safety standards.
- **Heating and Cooling:** Existing HV/AC equipment in the detainee processing and detention area will be renovated or replaced. Replacement of existing 2 boilers with new energy-efficient boiler(s) that will serve the entire Police Station.
- **Site Work:** Includes landscape and seeding where necessary, repaving a portion of some parking areas and the new construction of a police vehicle carport, which will include a covered parking area for patrol vehicles.
- **Structure Modifications:** All existing doors, windows, exterior roof mounted ventilation systems, roofing systems and masonry anchors for the building's steel structural frame will be replaced for purposes of withstanding a Category 3 hurricane and meeting current building codes.

## EFFECT ON MILL RATE

The estimated effect of the 20-year bonding on the General Fund mill rate will add 0.02 mills in the first year, increasing to 0.14 mills after all bonds have been issued and decreasing every year thereafter to 0.01 mills in the final year. This assumes a 5.25% to 6.0% municipal bond rate, substantially equal annual principal payments, no grants and a 2.0% increase in the grand list over the bond repayment period. A homeowner paying taxes on property assessed at \$100,000 will see a tax increase from \$2.38 in the first year, peaking to \$13.66 in the third year and decreasing to \$1.41 in the final year.



**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF  
GROTON POLICE STATION**

**Referendum Question #2 Explanatory Text November 5, 2013**

Ordinance Appropriating \$5,345,000 Authorized by the Town Council

Prepared and distributed by the Town Clerk  
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