

## Building Project Update

The Facilities Expansion Taskforce (FET) and the Sustainability Advisory Group (SAG) have been focusing on working with Louis Cherry Architects on obtaining a high level preliminary performance study of the energy usage needs of the current 695 Springfield Ave design. This will help to determine how much clean energy production will be needed (i.e. possible number of solar panels, etc.) and/or tweaks in the design and materials that might be needed to achieve as close to a 'net zero' energy use building that can be achieved while maintaining the budget. Outside funding opportunities for clean energy options have also been recommended and will be explored.

This performance evaluation is necessary as a precursor to submitting an application to the town, as any materials or mechanical equipment seen on the exterior of the building or on the property (including solar panels) will need to be indicated on the schematics for approval.

The FET and the Landscape Advisory Group (LAG) will also be working with Viridian, the landscape architect, to finalize the hardscape (i.e. parking areas, paths, courtyards, etc.) as well as plantings that must also be shown on the town application for approval.

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