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## Acton Fire Department Thanks Community As New North Acton Fire Station Opens



*The Acton Fire Department's new North Acton Fire Station at 68 Harris St. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*

ACTON — Chief Robert Hart is excited to announce that the new North Acton Fire Station has opened its doors on Harris Street, and the Acton Fire Department would like to thank all community stakeholders who made the new station possible.

The new station, located at 68 Harris St., opened on Feb. 24.

The new station features more space for firefighters and equipment, as well as several new pieces of equipment meant to help Acton firefighters stay healthy and safe.

The station has a decontamination washer for self-contained breathing apparatus used by firefighters, as well as a washer extractor and drying cabinet for firefighter gear, as well as an ordinary washing machine to help firefighters keep their gear and uniforms clean and pollutant-free.

Such equipment helps firefighters protect themselves from exposure to some of the toxic gases and materials that they encounter while on the job. The new station also has several built-in training areas, including a standpipe, confined-space rescue manhole and a bailout window.

The structure was designed from the ground up to be energy efficient, and will save taxpayer dollars going forward thanks to savings on energy costs. There is no natural gas in the building, which uses geothermal heating and cooling, and has a solar array on the roof.

The North Acton Fire Station is the first new station built in town since 1961.

"We are very excited to be operating out of this new station, and to have the necessary equipment to fully clean all aspects of our firefighter gear, which has been proven to increase the health and wellness of firefighters," said Chief Hart. "This new station is energy efficient, will keep our firefighters healthier, and will enable our firefighters to keep up on their training while staying close to home. We couldn't be more pleased."

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for later this spring, when final landscaping is complete around the building. There are also plans to place a time capsule that will be opened in 50 years.

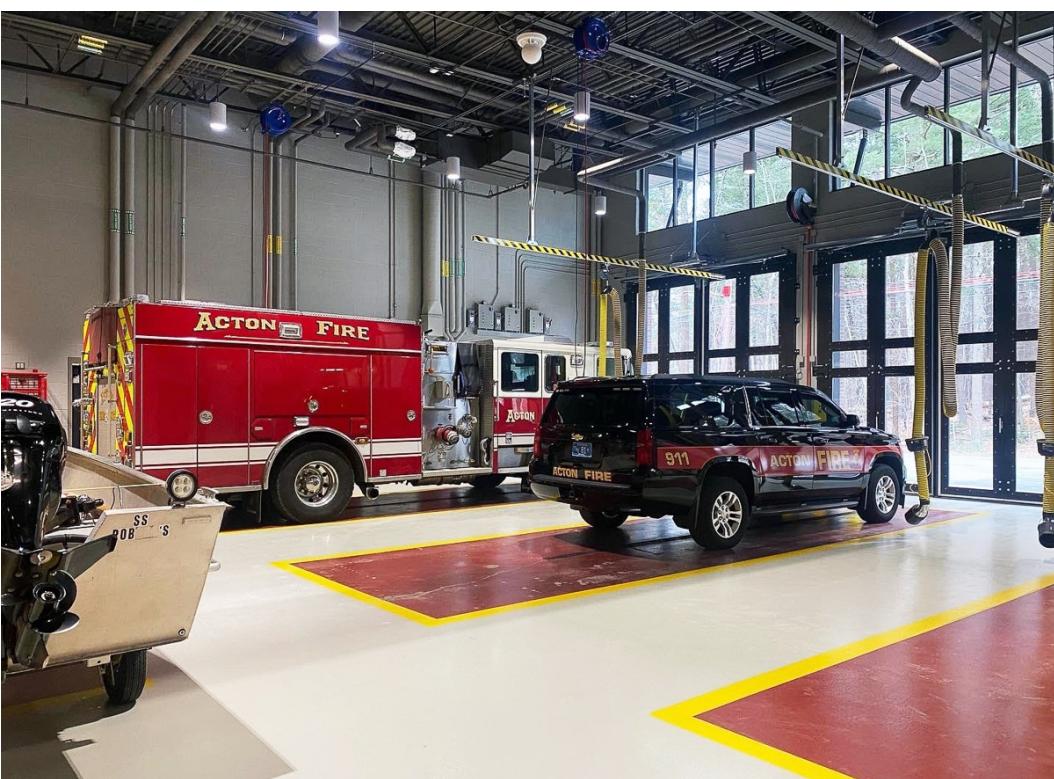
"The Acton Fire Department was blessed to have the support of numerous community stakeholders who provided input and collaboration during countless meetings," said Chief Hart. "I would like to specifically thank the residents of Acton, the Select Board, Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti and the members of the Acton Fire Department.

Making this building a reality was a true team effort on the part of all in town."

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*From left, Firefighters Patrick Douglass, Brent Carter, Ed Daigneault, Justin Mercurio, Lt. Dave Sukerman, and Firefighters Gage Cummings, Brian Whalen, and Ron Hyatt stand outside the new North Acton Fire Station. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*



*A view of the apparatus bay in the Acton Fire Department's new North Acton Fire Station at 68 Harris St. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*



*From left, Select Board member Dean Charter, Town Manager John Mangiaratti, Acton TV Host Vivian Birchall, Fire Chief Robert Hart and Select Board Chair David Martin at the new North Acton Fire Station. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*





*A plaque commemorating the completion of the new North Acton Fire Station at 68 Harris St. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*



*A view of the apparatus bay in the Acton Fire Department's new North Acton Fire Station at 68 Harris St. (Photo Courtesy Acton Fire Department)*



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