

# Memo

**To:** New London Board of Selectmen

**From:** Ashley Seybold, Chairperson – Police Facilities Advisory Committee

**cc:** Kim Hallquist, PFAC Members, Chief Cobb

**Date:** December 11, 2024

**Re:** Final Recommendation for a New Police Station on a New Site

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After extensive analysis, the Police Facilities Advisory Committee (PFAC) is pleased to present its final recommendation for the construction of a new police station on a new site. This decision is rooted in the goal of addressing the current and future needs of the New London Police Department (NLPD) while ensuring fiscal responsibility and alignment with community values.

## Background

The existing police station has long been recognized as inadequate for the department's operational requirements. Limitations include insufficient space, outdated infrastructure, public and employee safety risks, and lack of compliance with modern safety and accessibility standards. To address these challenges, the Board of Selectmen established the PFAC to explore potential solutions, including the feasibility of renovating the current facility or constructing a new one.

## Process Overview

- Needs Assessment:** Colliers Project Leaders and Lavallee Brensinger Architects, in partnership with Chief Cobb, conducted a detailed assessment of the NLPD's current and projected needs, considering factors such as staffing levels, technology requirements, storage, training facilities, and community engagement spaces.
- Site Evaluations:** Multiple potential locations, including the department's current location, were evaluated based on criteria such as accessibility, site readiness, environmental impact, and cost-effectiveness.

## Recommendation

The PFAC firmly believes that constructing a new police station at 0 Seamans Road (Garvey property, Tax Map/lot 86/27/0/0/0) is the most practical and sustainable solution to meet the needs of the NLPD and the community. We appreciate the Board's support throughout this process and look forward to collaborating on the successful completion of this critical project.

Sincerely,

Ashley Seybold  
Chairperson, Police Facilities Advisory Committee