

## **Capital Improvements**

## PROJECT DETAIL SHEET

Fiscal Year: 2021

**Department:** DPW, Facilities Division

Project Title: Town Hall – Selectmen's Hearing

**Room Modernization** 

Requested Amount: \$ 250,000



Description: Improvements to the Selectmen's Hearing Room has been an issue of concern for several years. The initial impetus for funding was primarily to address the room's poor acoustical properties, and a design was subsequently obtained from an acoustical engineering firm for a ceiling cloud system constructed with acoustic panels. That design was set aside when direction was given to change the room orientation and, later, to install a collapsible wall system to sub-divide the room to create additional usable spaces. Recently, we contracted the services of A&E firm CBI to provide a complete design solution, incorporating inputs received from executive staff, to address all expectations for modernization of this room, including architectural, functional, technical and acoustical, to achieve an impressive and state of the art result that is appropriate for this primary venue for the conduct of the people's business. The CBI study and cost estimate, incorporating the design recommendations of their acoustic and A/V sub-consultant, Acentech, into their architectural design, will be received in November. Pending receipt of the study, the amount of the appropriation request has been listed at \$250,000, to be updated pursuant to the study results.

Project Overview: Obtaining and implementing the design services of A&E firm CBI, modernize the Hearing Room by installing architectural and technical improvements, including new finishes, furnishings, IT, audio-visual, communications, and acoustical measures.

Financial impact of this project on the department's operating budget: None