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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **HOLLISTON POLICE STATION TO START NEW CONSTRUCTION**

The Holliston Board of Selectmen approved the Holliston Police Station Building Committee's recommendation that Statewide Engineering and Construction Company, Inc. of Fall River, MA be awarded the construction contract for the new Holliston Police Building to be located on the site of the old Station on Washington Street. The existing Police Station served the Town for almost 40 years.

The contract awarded was for \$4,910,957 and is inclusive of all three alternates that were included in the bid documents. This awarded marks a key milestone in the \$6.63 million project's development, in which the funding was approved by Town Meeting in October of 2006 and by a Town election in November of 2006. The existing Station was vacated a year ago this May, with the Police Department successfully relocated to the Flagg-Cole School building on Linden Street.

This award of the construction contract is based upon a revised plan developed by the Holliston Police Station Building Committee and its consultants after the September 2007 bids on the original plans were rejected by the Committee when construction bids exceeded the construction budget by almost \$800,000. The Committee, with the assistance of the Police Department, led by Chief Thomas Lambert, and Kevin Witzel of Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., the project architect, undertook an extensive review of the project that resulted in revised plans being put out to bid in late January of this year. A total of ten general contractors bid on the project of which six were under the project estimate, a reflection of the Committee's efforts and changes in the overall economy.

"The Committee is gratified that all of the hard work done by this Committee and the Police Station Study Committee as well as their dedicated development team and the Police Department over the past three years will provide for a new Police Station that will service the Holliston Police Department and the Town for the long-term." Said John Juhl, the Committee's Chairman. "The Committee is excited about working with Statewide Engineering and Construction Company to provide the Holliston Police Department with a first-rate facility that will fit their needs," Juhl added.

Chief Thomas Lambert added, "I have been extremely impressed by the integrity and dedication of the building committee. Without their diligence this project would not have happened. IN the end we will have a police station that will serve the Town of Holliston for many years to come and a building that we can all be very proud of."

Statewide Engineering and Construction Company just completed the Abington Police Station and received outstanding reviews from the town of Abington in the process. The Abington Police Department is expected to move into its new facility in a few weeks. The also built the Hopkinton Senior Center in 2006 and the Northampton Senior Center in 2007. Statewide Engineering and Construction has been in the public construction arena for over twenty years and prides itself in the projects it has undertaken and completed for towns such as Holliston. The Town issued a Notice to Proceed at the time of the contract signing and expects actual work to commence after May 15<sup>th</sup>. The initial phases of work will involve site work as required by the Conservation Commission prior to the demolition of the existing Station. The overall project is expected to be completed by September of 2009.