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Interim Chief James W. Wright

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter of support is regarding the replacement and upgrade of the municipal fueling system located at the DPW yard on Dedham Street. The current aboveground storage tanks are 30 years old and reached the end of their useful life. Continued use warrants detailed inspections to ensure the integrity of the tanks. These tanks were not designed to allow a full interior inspection therefore in order to accomplish that it would require significant work and expense.

The second issue is that at its current location the access to the pumps requires drivers to back in or back out of the fueling spot. This can be a safety issue, especially with the larger Fire and DPW vehicles. Most of our vehicles have significant blind spots when backing up which make it much more probable to have an accident or injury. A drive through fueling station would be highly preferred.

In either case, keeping a municipal fueling station that is accessible 24/7 for DPW and Public Safety Operations is a vital role that needs to be maintained to allow for extended operations during emergency situations.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Wright".

JAMES W. WRIGHT
Fire Chief