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Mayor Kicks-Off Renovation of Citizens Center as Part of Citywide Capital Improvement Projects

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini announced that the City has hired Allen Lieb Architects based out of Danvers to prepare construction bid documents to replace the external shell of the Haverhill Citizen's Center building on Welcome Street in Haverhill. The Citizens Center serves the City in numerous capacities; it is the place for recreation activities, senior citizen functions, election polling and many others.

The building, built in the 1970's, has suffered in recent years from a façade in need of replacement and a lack of energy efficiency. The City applied for and received Federal and State funding in the past to replace the ventilation and heating system on the roof and to install solar panels.

This latest project, funded with Federal and local funding, will replace the shell of the building in order to make it more energy efficient. The project is funded with a grant from the United States Department of Energy and with local city funding.

Allen Lieb Architects will design the project and a local architect, Angelo Petrozelli, has been hired to serve as the project manager. The City expects actual construction to begin in the spring and for the project to take approximately six months to complete.

Repairing the Citizen's Center is part of a larger series of projects initiated by the Mayor to make 2013 "the year of capital improvements." In addition to repairing the Citizen's Center, the City is repairing a city owned bridge, repairing a city owned parking garage, replacing windows and boilers in a number of school buildings, and replacing street lights in the downtown area.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

"As our financial situation has begun to improve here in Haverhill, and thanks to State and Federal assistance, we have begun to make some long needed capital improvements. In 2013, we expect to finish the repairs to our parking garage, make some repairs to sidewalks, begin fixing our schools and begin to make other badly needed repairs and improvements.

"This week, we kicked off the design of one of the most important parts of the fix up Haverhill program—beginning with the design of the Citizen's Center project. The Citizen's Center is, for many of our senior citizens and for our recreation department, a nucleus of our city. We are starting this week with the long process of making repairs to that building."