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### **KAESTLE BOOS ASSOCIATES, INC. AND HOLLISTON'S MEN & WOMEN IN BLUE CELEBRATE NEW POLICE STATION WITH GROUND-BREAKING May 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Eagerly-awaited Design Marries Department's Need for More Space and Flexibility with Town's Desire for Attractive Headquarters Blending Easily into Residential Area***

**Foxborough, MA – May 28, 2008** -- Holliston's Police Department and the Town's residents can look forward to a functional new police station for their men and women in blue. A groundbreaking that will celebrate the culmination of a three-year feasibility study and planning by the architectural firm, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. will kick-off at the site of the existing, soon-to-be-demolished police headquarters at 550 Washington Street in Holliston on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The event signals the eventual clearing that will make way for a brand new, Cape-inspired dwelling designed by KBA and constructed by Statewide Engineering & Construction Company, Inc. of Fall River. Actual demolition won't take place on the site until a later date to be determined, once the property is prepared accordingly. The new police station, slated to be completed in July 2009, will not only more than double officers' current space, but will sit smoothly among houses in an enduring, mostly-residential neighborhood, across the street from the Holliston Historical Society.

Kaestle Boos Associates' newly-designed Holliston Police Station will expand the current space at the station from 7,200 to 14,850 square feet. The \$6.6 million dollar project will include a detention area (comprised of four cells), plus administrative spaces, area for patrol officer functions, a dispatch/communication section and an assembly space with 40-seat capacity to accommodate Holliston law enforcement training programs, and, when appropriate, community functions. A fitness room with exercise equipment for department staff and enough space for physical demonstrations of self-defense and the like is a highlight of the new design; this space replaces a constricted, multi-use room where activities collided with everything from report-writing to weapon-cleaning. "We've really paid special attention here to the proper, comfortable separation of people in the building so different worlds don't conflict," said Kevin Witzell, KBA's Project Architect. "To assist the flow of people and space, we were especially mindful of prisoners versus law enforcement and key activities between those parties, as well as how the public interacts with officers and civilians on staff."

Kaestle Boos Associates began the feasibility study on the new Holliston Police Station in 2005 when it was apparent that the 25-person staff had far outgrown their current Washington Street facility. The police department, in fact has been working temporarily for the last year from the old Flagg-Cole School on Linden Street.

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Feasibility studies work to determine things like size, capacity and the needs of the organization. Says, Michael J. McKeon, AIA, LEED AP, and KBA's Principal-in-Charge of the project; "Our public safety studies don't simply identify the immediate need, but rather, strive to project what the needs of the department will be for the next 20 years. At KBA, one of our strengths is integrating style with function. We design our buildings to grow with the mission and also to fit comfortably into the community they serve."

With a nod to energy efficiency, the new Holliston Police station will also have an upgraded light and energy management system and increased insulation on its walls and roof. Environmentally, KBA is also working closely with the Holliston Conservation Commission to preserve the integrity of the surrounding wetlands around the new police station's site so that, in keeping with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, they flourish undisturbed.

The 550 Washington Street site sits on approximately 2.3 acres that reside near the wetlands buffers. "KBA was limited to redeveloping a little more than half of this acreage due to the wetlands that border the property to the East," says Kaestle Boos' Landscape Architect, David McKinley, "so we worked closely with the Holliston Conservation and Planning Commissions to achieve an environmentally friendly and compliant project." Kevin Witzell, KBA's Project Architect agrees. "It's a tight site; the sequencing of the construction is the toughest part, but we've drawn upon our expertise in this area so that both building and nature can easily co-exist and benefit the community."

Thomas Lambert, Holliston's Chief of Police, commented, "We've had a remarkable amount of help from our community and town officials who have shown tremendous support and take a strong interest in the kind of building that our police force needs and should have in order to best serve and protect our area." He added, "In striving to always improve our community's quality of life and keep it safe, the new Holliston Police Station designed by the team at Kaestle Boos will be a building that the entire community can be very proud of and serve us all well in the years to come. The force can't wait to move in."

**About Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.**

Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. is one of New England's most experienced architectural design firms with offices in New Britain, Connecticut, Foxborough, Massachusetts, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The firm specializes in educational, public safety, theater arts, parks and recreation and other public architecture. Founded in 1963, the firm's ultimate goal is to create structures that are functional, aesthetically pleasing, environmentally sound, and economically justifiable. For more information visit [www.kba-architects.com](http://www.kba-architects.com) or call (860) 229-0361.

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