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City of Amesbury Updates Progress on City Hall Relocation

The City of Amesbury will soon transition City Hall operations to its new home at One Market Square. This move follows the November 6, 2024 announcement of a proposed real estate transaction between the City and BankProv. After some delays, the property officially closed on June 30, 2025, and preparations for the relocation have been underway since.

Prior to the closing, the bank completed minor wall construction securing their retail branch premises. The City has been assessing the new space with a focus on department efficiency and storage needs. Since July 1st, existing furniture included in the sale has been reviewed for reconfiguration, common areas have been freshly painted, and minor electrical upgrades—such as occupancy sensor installations—have been made to reduce energy use and utility costs. New directory signage is in the final stages of approval, and fabrication of a new customer service counter for the Treasurer's Office, not part of the existing office design, is currently in progress.

Move Management proposals have been submitted and - pending reference checks—will be secured to start right away to oversee the relocation of City assets. The move is expected to begin in November, though some departments will temporarily remain at 62 Friend Street to avoid conflicts with key operational dates.

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To mark the occasion, the City of Amesbury and BankProv will host an Open House at One Market Square on Saturday, December 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., following the annual holiday parade and tree lighting. The community is warmly invited to explore the new City Hall and tour the space.

Mayor Kassandra Gove

“Relocating Amesbury’s City Hall to One Market Square represents a major step forward for our community. This new space not only allows us to bring more city services under one roof, but it also ensures that every resident has equal access to those services. With handicap accessibility features, improved meeting areas, and a central downtown location, our new City Hall will be more welcoming, more efficient, and better equipped to serve the needs of Amesbury today and for generations to come. I look forward to welcoming everyone to the new space at the open house on December 6th.”

The move to One Market Square will include operations of the Clerk’s Office, Assessor’s Office, Treasurer/Collector’s Office, Information Technology, Human Resources, Administration and Finance, the Office of Retirement, and Mayor’s Office. The Office of Community & Economic Development will also relocate from 39 South Hunt Road to the Market Square location. Relocating will allow municipal operations to grow with the city, stay centrally located in the downtown area, and offer services to constituents in an accessible building with ramps, lifts and elevators.

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