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## **Skanska awarded \$22.6 million contract to construct new 40,300 s/f Belmont Skating Rink**

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Belmont, MA Skanska has been awarded a \$22.6 million contract by the town to build the new 40,300 s/f skating rink and athletic facility. The new facility will occupy the site of the existing Vigliolo Skating Rink, which will be demolished prior to the start of construction.

“We are thrilled to once again partner with the town of Belmont to construct the new Belmont Skating Rink,” said Bryan Northrop, executive vice president for Skanska USA Building’s New England region. “Viglirolo Skating Rink has served the community for more than 50 years, and we are excited to bring the town an enhanced facility. It seems fitting that we started construction right before the Beanpot hockey tournament, as it’s rinks such as these where the hockey stars of the future are born.”

Designed by Galante Architecture Studio, the project scope includes the construction of a new 40,000 s/f steel-framed, pre-engineered metal building, which will house the new rink complex with a 200-ft. by 85-ft. ice sheet. The facility will also feature four team locker rooms, four dressing rooms, public toilets, bleacher seating, and a concession stand. To meet the town’s sustainability goals, Skanska will implement PV solar panels that will cover the roof of the main building. The facility will utilize a heat pump refrigeration system to ensure the ice surface remains sufficiently cool, and during the non-ice season it will help temper the spaces within the facility.

This project adds to Skanska’s experience building athletic facilities in Massachusetts. This includes the expansion and renovation of the Deerfield Academy athletic complex, the construction of the Margot Connell Recreation Center at Boston College, as well as the upgrade and installation of a high-definition scoreboard, video board and sound system at Northeastern University’s Matthews Arena.

Skanska most recently partnered with the town to build the 451,000 s/f construction and renovation of Belmont Middle and Belmont High School. The phased construction and renovation consisted of replacing the existing high school with a facility to house grades seven through 12. The newly constructed, four-floor structure includes academic and science wings, media facilities, administrative and health suites, and a dining/commons area. The Belmont Skating Rink will be situated on the newly constructed campus.

Construction on the rink began in October 2023 and is expected to reach completion in early 2025.

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