

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 2018

Town Hall Room B2

CALL TO ORDER

Chair B. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following members present: P. Polonsky, H. Schwartz, A. Theriault, T. Howe, P. Dziadosz, R. McShera, and J. Emerson. Absent: L. Alexson, C. Surpitski, Chief Nikas, K. Buhl.

CITIZENS' QUERIES

Carl Gardner, speaking in regard to the Open Space bonds in prioritizing land for the Town, suggested a land bank for municipal sites; in particular, mentioning the CVS site in Lord Square as a possible public safety site. (Bob W. commented that CVS is redesigning their parking lot.) In addition, he mentioned the rehabilitation of the current police station. The group thanked him for coming and will keep his suggestions in mind.

BROCHURE DISCUSSION FOR TOWN MEETING

Ryan introduced his fellow worker, John, of Red Barn Architecture, who has a degree in graphic design and is earning his Master's degree in architecture. Their five-page draft on 8 ½" paper was reviewed and discussed. The theme is to offer options to the taxpayers and the need for PSFC to "prove the building." Harvey said the best argument is the picture of the fire station with the horses inside the building!

Focus on the brochure is to keep it bold, short, and simple, emphasizing Feasibility Study for Police, Fire, and Communications. A "family tree" design with Communications at the top will lead to Police, Fire, Ambulance, Shellfish, Harbormaster, Animal Control, and Emergency Management.

A website will include the history and attempts at improvements of the two departments in a more detailed fashion.

Tammy Howe left at 7:25 for another meeting.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE

The group spent time rewriting the proposed Article for the May, 2018 Town Meeting as follows:

"To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$140,000 for a Feasibility Study to analyze options to replace or renovate the current police and fire stations.

"The Article seeks a study only; actual construction would require Town Meeting action at a later date.

The scope of the Feasibility Study will include:

- analysis of our facilities' existing conditions and space needs
- assessment of potential sites
- conceptual drawings

- building schedule and cost estimates
- contributing factors such as the Town's future growth, demographics, and traffic

"Amount of funding: \$140,000

"Recommended source of funding: Free Cash"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weatherall moved, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve Minutes of January 9, 2018. UNANIMOUS.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Peter will make a call re ICAM coverage of current police and fire facilities with dialogue by Chiefs.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

March 13, 2018, was selected as the next meeting date.

Mr. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Weatherall, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

UNANIMOUS.