

**Police Station Building Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall  
December 20, 2018  
3:00pm**

**Present:** Bill Harriman, Chief Marc Duphily, Dave Robertson, Dave Siedentopf, Bryan Berriault, Jon Delli Priscoli Michael Milanoski (TA), Joe Sullivan, John Feeley, Brian Humes & Shelby Blair

**Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Bill Harriman**

**1. Approval of Public Forum on 12/3/18 & Minutes of 12/4/18 meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes by Dave S, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan Berriault.

**2. Update on surveying project by Borden Associates**

- TA explained that Borden is committed to this project, but no updated timeline for this.

**3. Brian Humes – Update for committee on any changes: Review of Plans & Elevations**

- Review of Floor Plan changes for Police Station, Outbuilding & Outside placement of Police Station.
- Joe Sullivan suggested that this should be presented to the Police Station reps with Bryan Berriault and that he would like to be in attendance.
- Committee gave thoughts/opinions on updated changes & plans.

**4. Discussion on Internal Police Station list & Vote to approve**

- Motion to proceed with the first five checked items by Chief Duphily, second by Bryan Berriault, Unanimous.
  1. Swap the patrol room with the detective room.
  2. Male and Female locker rooms only having one toilet in each of the bathrooms.
  3. Another toilet in the front bathroom of the station, off the lobby.
  4. Adding two windows in the rear of building in the women and men's bathroom for some natural light.
  5. Washer and dryer making it a stackable one and placing in the custodial room.

**At 4:00pm TA takes over for the minutes**

Michael Milanoski provided overview of Recreation Committee Meeting and CPC meeting. Recreation committee accepted the charge of the BoS to design a recreation complex within the Town Hall Complex as defined. The recreation committee will design and implement the project. They voted to request \$600,000 from CPC as outlined in the attachments. The next recreation committee meeting is going to be on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> to hear input from all residents and youth groups on needs for the community to be included in the recreation complex as part of the Town Hall Complex. The recreation committee will have full access to the police station OPM and Landscape Architect to assist them in creating their proposal to CPC. There will be a preliminary presentation to the CPC on 1/31, followed by a public hearing on 3/7 by CPC and vote by CPC on 3/14. The OPM and Landscape Architect will be paid out of the project management account under Capital Outlay. No decisions have been made, with exception of it has to be in the town hall complex, it has to have a playground(s) equal to or better than what exists, and it has to be within budget. All other decisions are up to the recreation committee.

Joanne Pulskar - requested we send out alert emails using our existing web for the police station committee and the recreation committee. Need to make sure meeting on 1/5 includes everyone, she will help, try posting earlier and getting out on social media to notify people.

Dave Roberson – had meeting Joanne and agrees we need to do more, use in news to post – how to notify, discussed using the meeting calendar send notice out 48 hours prior to meeting on facebook, twitter, and other. Also discussed have a Q&A to go over many of the questions that have been asked.

Sarah Hewins read her letter (see attached). It was mentioned that location was previously looked at and rejected. No action was taken by the Committee on Ms. Hewins letter.

Dagmar Ryan wants to put COA in the school administration building – but need permission from school committee first. She disagreed that the sex offender who has to register and visit town hall was an issue.

Michael Milanoski provided some context to work committee did through multiple meetings. The decision was not based on tree clearing it was based on many issues. 1<sup>st</sup> creating the best design the committee could come up with to meet the growing needs of the police department as programed and designed by our architect our professional. 2<sup>nd</sup> understanding anything can be engineered but it does not make it a good plan and the committee would have preferred we not touch the playground but the new building would have to. After, learning from the police chief and staff of the bad things that really goes on in a polices station that the average public is not aware of including registering of sex offenders on a regular basis, the fact they could walk by and park at the playground without regard to their distance they need to maintain, then there were other issues as this where bad people go and sometime bad things happen at a police station including, plus possible gun discharge, if ever someone escaped you don't want them stepping out of the building into a playground, and screaming of foul language from prisoners that can extend out of the station etc. Milanoski stated he would not vote given what

he now knows about the bad people including the sex offenders who are required to register at the police station next to a playground. Finally, there was a cost component it was determined to be cheaper to move the playground that was going to have to be replaced given its age – why not design a new playground that will meet the needs of the community and be better than what exists today.

Jon Delli Priscoli – discussed Master Plan and how it is a unique opportunity to better the community.

Chief Duphily – Thanked Sarah and appreciated everyone's efforts but need to look at whole picture as the committee has done. The chief attempted to make the point that the decision of the location of the station is comprised of many reasons including siting, public safety response, cost, possible danger to the public and that no one item is all controlling in the decision. Focusing on one to the exclusion of all the reasons combined is a mistake. Further, we have hired a professional Architect and an OPM to guide us through these issue to pick the best location. He thanked Sarah Hewins for her passion and enthusiasm toward finding alternatives and encouraged discussion but he believes in the advice given to us by the professionals we have hired.

Brian Berriault - Provided context to questions from Dagmar that everything she is mentioning on looking at alternative has been discussed by the committee in public sessions. There was a lot of review and analysis of different options.

Motion to adjourn Dave S, second Dave R, unanimous  
Meeting ended at 5:00pm