

**Police-Fire Facility Committee**  
**Thursday, October 16, 2014, 4:00pm**  
**Hanna Cosman and Selectboard Meeting Rooms**  
**Minutes**

In attendance: Robin Sweetapple, Steve Phillips, Philip Chapman, Kathy Dowd, Tony Farnum, Dave Emery, Sr., Prudence MacKinney, and John Allen.

Absent: Eli Gould

Staff Present: Patrick Moreland, Mike Bucossi, Michael Fitzgerald, Pete Lynch

Others Present: Steve Horton, Nancy Miller, Russell Rice, Dave Schoales, and Howard Weiss Tisman.

- A. Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and confirmed that the meeting was properly warned.
- B. Public Participation – None
- C. Approve Minutes (September 30) – Chapman moved to approve the minutes. Emery second. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Project Update by Project Manager – Horton introduces the revised charge from the Selectboard. Horton distributes what he describes as a transitional budget memo. The memo shows a total project budget of \$12.9 Million, including costs to date. Horton reminds the committee that the proposed budget assumes a renovation project and not new construction. A variety of committee members expressed a need to know exactly where the police location is being proposed, rather than just a sum for a property to be identified later. Phillips raises concern that a bond vote requires greater specificity about the purpose for which monies are being borrowed.

Dowd suggests that a 5-10 year plan be applied to Station 2. Emery and others note that a 50 year project has been voted on by the committee for Station 2 on several occasions.

Phillips moves that the committee recommend to the Selectboard the following project costs: Central Station as contemplated will cost \$7,175,000; Station 2 as contemplated will cost \$1,490,000, and the best guess for a future PD location is an estimate of \$4,234,500, for a total project of \$12.9 Million. Sweetapple second. The motion passed unanimously.

MacKinney moves to recommend to the Selectboard that a Representative Town Meeting not be scheduled until a specific property has been identified for PD. Phillips second. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Police Station Criteria: The committee identified a series of criteria for a police station. The building should be in the neighborhood of \$16,000 sq'. The site will need roughly 15,000 sq' for parking. Chief Fitzgerald identified the value of having two means of egress from the property. A wood framed building may be easier to renovate to meet the seismic bracing requirements of an Essential Facility.

Chief Fitzgerald expresses his position that the PD could be sited anywhere, but along the north/south corridor would be best. While the public may desire the PD downtown, it is not really necessary for the PD facility to be located downtown. Officers can be downtown regardless of the location of the facility.

Russell Rice identified a few properties and explains that more research is necessary.

Phillips moves to create a subcommittee consisting of Steve Horton, Chief Fitzgerald, Russell Rice, Robin Sweetapple, and Kathy Dowd, to investigate and develop a list of potential PD sites Emery second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.