

POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE
Minutes, March 19, 2024

Steve Dalessio called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm, in the Selectboard office of Town Hall.

Present were Rod Bouchard, Jay Punt, Andrew Dey, and Peggy Pschirrer. On Zoom were Cheri Watson and Dave Adams. Emily Heaton from Petrovick Architects was also present on Zoom.

Chief Justin Sanctuary and Trevor MacLachlan were absent.

The minutes of March 5, 2024, were accepted with one amendment: flow diagram rather than fault diagram.

Ms. Heaton distributed copies of five Floor Plan options for a new police station. The Committee's immediate response was that square footage, which ranged from 8,179 square feet for Option 1, to 8,518 square feet for Option 5, must be reduced in size for more manageable cost for the building.

The front of the proposed building will face the Upper Walpole Road.

Mr. Dey asked why the options were all 'L' shaped rather than a square block building. Ms. Heaton responded it was a more economical space.

Mr. Dey also asked if the two roofs were intersecting gables? Was there a potential for solar panels in the future? He also asked if the building were on a slab? Ms. Heaton said these options were rough presentations based on their work with Chief Sanctuary.

What cost numbers are we striving for? Is the bottom line six million dollars for the building? Mr. Dey suggested using \$400.00 per square foot. Will that number buy a 6-million-dollar building.

Mr. Bouchard suggested the building be designed for 6,000 square feet.

Members suggested that the building would need two showers, not just one shower as in the five options. It was asked why there are two fitness rooms? Could they be combined into one fitness room? Mr. Dey suggested reducing the number of sally ports to two.

Some rooms are only accessed through another room in the current options.

Everyone agreed we need to research grant opportunities. Ms. Watson stated that the USDA has both grants and loans.

Mr. Bouchard asked that we have better numbers for HVAC systems.

Mr. Dalessio asked if the roof should face south. He also indicated we must be mindful of future maintenance costs for the building. These costs will have future tax implications.

Chief Sanctuary is meeting with Michael Petrovick on March 25th to continue their discussions about the needs and wants for the new station. Mr. Dalessio will relay the station costs cannot exceed six million dollars.

Ms. Pschirrer reported that Mr. Clifford, who represents Ball Park Realty, will have the 2.6 acres of land surveyed and then present the Town with a Purchase and Sale agreement. The land purchase was approved by voice vote at the Town Meeting, March 16, 2024.

The Committee's next meeting is April 2, 2024, at 6:30 in the Selectboard Office at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.