

POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE
Minutes, April 30, 2024

Steve Dalessio called the meeting to order on April 30, 2024, at 6:32 pm in the offices of the Selectboard.

Present were Rod Bouchard, Andrew Dey, Dave Adams, Jay Punt, Chief Justin Sanctuary, Trevor MacLachlan, Peggy Pschirrer, and Architect Michael Petrovick. On Zoom were Cheri Watson, Police Committee, and Emily Heaton of Petrovick Architects.

Mr. Bouchard moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024, meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and unanimously approved.

Mr. Jim Clifford of Ball Park Realty has written to assure the committee the survey of the property on upper Walpole Road is being done. The property will be on track to be sold to the Town of Walpole for the new police station. Ms. Pschirrer emphasized our need to have the survey in hand as soon as possible since it is needed to complete our architectural plans.

Architect Petrovick distributed updated drawings for the proposed station. In accordance with the Committee's request, the drawings included two Sally Ports and two showers. The Operations Room is large enough for 38 participants in a training or meeting. These plans reflect everything Chief Sanctuary feels the department wants.

Mr. MacLaclan commented that the operations meeting room is probably the cheapest room in the building to construct. It does have the needed height for the room.

Mr. Dey noted the current drawings include outdoor spaces such as a covered carport for police vehicles as well as a separate space for evidence.

The Committee focused for some time on the need to reduce the square footage of the current proposal. Mr. Petrovick urged the Committee to decide what square footage we can afford and make the decision soon so we can progress. How much bond can the community support? Can we afford a \$5 million dollar bond?

Ms. Watson asked that we turn to the USDA and our NH federal representatives to determine how much we can raise in grants.

Can we eliminate the covered impound areas to reduce costs?
How much will our paving costs be? Perhaps as high as \$100,000?

Decisions to be made: will our siding be wood or vinyl? Do we want a farm look? Can we give up a Sally Port which are among the cheapest rooms to build? What will we use for trim?

How much equipment do we already own that can be transferred to the new building? Chief Sanctuary will compile a list of current equipment. If we need more furniture, is it available on the secondhand market? Yes, it is in both Concord and Manchester where corporations who refurbish their offices dispose of good quality furniture.

Mr. MacLachlan, with Mr. Petrovick, will check all expected costs. A limit will be set for FFE of \$500,000. Who will help us fundraise to cover those costs? Mr. Dalessio indicated he has been researching funding and it appears to be woefully lacking.

We need to tell our story as to why we need fund raising. Ms. Watson suggested we look at Public Safety and Community Policing. We need educations for public safety issues such as preparing for an emergency, elder abuse, financial abuse etc.

Chief Sanctuary indicated our space will serve for training for smaller community neighbors. Ms. Watson asked if we could turn to Federal Task forces for funds. We are looking for a grant writer.

The group agreed to lower the square footage, check all component costs, look for funds and confirm real needs.

The next meeting will be on May 29, 2024, in the offices of the Selectboard at 6:30 pm.