

IPSWICH PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2023
ROOM A, TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present: Chief P. Parisi, C. Surpitski, P. Dziadose, D. Irvine, J. Fay, Dep. Chief L. Prentiss, J. Emerson, Town Manager S. Crane, T. Gallante and Krista Karklins (TGAS), Laura Jolly (CHA), and J. Sarni. Absent were H. Schwartz, R. Donahue, K. Buhl, Chief Nikas, and T. Jones.

CITIZEN QUERIES

Town Manager Crane, in reference to a question by Mr. Sarni, stated that we are not that far done to know for certain that we do not need those police/fire buildings and would suggest that we are not ready to release them.

PRESENTATION OF EXTERIOR FINISH

Ted of TGAS talked about exterior materials, cost estimates, and the schedule assessment. He projected on screen the updated site plan and overall changes in that plan with future posts to be erected for a photo-voltaic canopy. The tree situation is being studied. Bob questioned the bump-out at the intersection of Pine Swamp and Linebrook Roads which needs a change in curves. Mr. Crane spoke about technicalities and the roles of certain personnel which are not yet fixed. Bob asked what "permeability" means; Ted is talking about "gravel" surface for absorption of water.

Exterior Materials. Peter asked if there would be flags out front (answered with "Yes"), and Ted spoke of gates at the rear of the building which are currently "arms" which can be raised for police personnel parking. Square footage is 547 (mechanical) and 257 (electrical). Ted continued with describing/ circulating samples of materials which will go into the building:

- a. Zinc panels – that are rustproof
- b. Masonry products - that will act as a rain screen.
- c. Wood – to impress the visitor of the warm/friendly atmosphere

He pointed out a new concept in the front of the building from the Fire Department structure to the people-entrance as he explained the combined metal and masonry (man-made materials) which do not have a painted surface and which are very long-lasting. Certain woods, he said, are also very sustainable, and the entrance lobby will be encapsulated in wood for the incoming community. Bob commented on the veneer materials. Also, he mentioned the turning radius of the big trucks, and something more organic: greenery and shading for the big building. The people who work here take care of people. Ted suggested masonry/wood panels on the back of the building (less expensive), generous windows, and lots of glass with the intent to be inviting with wood/glass.

The fire apparatus doors will be four-fold with four-second opening, 14' x 14' in height.

Conversation ensued regarding reaction to the plan: Jamie asked Bob if it is what he imagined, and Bob replied that he is pleased in general with the way it has evolved. Jamie felt that it is jarring and not what the people envisioned in the beginning. Chief Parisi, being a red-brick guy, feels the building should be unique, and he appreciates the incorporating of the portrayed color with all the glass. John Sarni, visualizing a palette that looks like Crane Beach, understands that it should have its own identity. Mr. Crane expressed unexpected pleasure with the neatness of character in the corner windows and put emphasis on trees again.

Cost Estimates. Ted had a reconciliation with the design team and cost estimators and received a draft of the reconciled numbers which still have to be cut; \$23 million is too high. We have costs for the extra 4th bay/tower/mezzanine @\$1.1 million. Costs are high because of the economy, equipment not being available, and factories charging more. He is using the “value-engineering” approach to complete the outer package. Bob asked if Ted could close this gap within one or two weeks. Ted replied that the electrical is super expensive and still being priced up. Bob asked for overviews and cost numbers.

Schedule Assessment. The rest of the meeting was centered on meetings for the Working Group with various design, construction, and related Town committees. The next meeting of the full Public Safety Facility Committee will be on April 26. Town Meeting is May 9.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TM Crane moved, seconded by Peter, to approve Minutes of March 28, 2023.
UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob moved, seconded by Dave Irvine, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. UNANIMOUS.