

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

Via Zoom

October 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: H. Schwartz, L. Alexson, Chief Nikas, P. Polonsky, J. Fay, C. Surpitski, T. Jones, R. Donahue, K. Carlson, R. McShera, J. Emerson. Absent: Chief Theriault, P. Dziadose.

CITIZEN QUERIES None.

REVIEW OF RECENT TOWN MEETING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Bob began with his thoughts of the setup in the tent, literally and figuratively being on ground level, as opposed to a meeting held in the PAC. Tammy agreed, having spoken with the Town Manager and Moderator, and is concerned regarding an outside meeting in May. Bob felt more positive about that one because it will be more coherent with a better position next time around.

Complimented on his presentation at the meeting, Jamie Fay commented that there is need to get the three Boards together to prioritize the Strategic Planning Committee's list of projects which currently names the Public Safety Facility (2022) at the top of the list. Jean spoke of her discussion with a Fin Com member on the Strategic Planning List of Projects which was presented at the recent TriBoard meeting, Essex' multi-year advancement in small steps to eventual success with a Public Safety Building, and the fact that Ipswich has the lowest tax rate of any town around us. Because Salisbury had a successful Political Action Committee of citizens who advocated for their new police station, names were mentioned for a possible committee in Ipswich.

A question for the Town Manager was the architect's attendance at the next TriBoard meeting (January?) when it would be televised and provide a good public outreach. The Town needs to know why the size of the building is as it is and the fact that there has already been a 29% reduction from the original plan. Another question for the TM is when the Town will be taking possession of the land so that the PSFC can say we have taken ownership and we will be presenting at Town Meeting. Linda (Chair of the Select Board) will put together a calendar of future meetings of Boards for PSFC. Harvey will submit articles in LOCAL NEWS re the intention to return to Spring Town Meeting.

Harvey moved, seconded by Linda, to support the intent of the PSFC to return to Spring Town Meeting with a Warrant Article. Roll call IN FAVOR- Schwartz, Weatherall, Surpitski, Alexson, McShera, Carlson, Nikas, Jones, Polonsky, Donahue, Emerson. (J. Fay left the meeting at 8:30)

NEXT MEETING

After discussion of frequency of meetings, it was agreed that monthly meetings beginning on November 17, 2020, should continue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlie moved, seconded by Rob, to approve Minutes of October 15, 2020. Roll call IN FAVOR- Schwartz, Weatherall, Surpitski, Alexson, McShera, Carlson, Nikas, Jones, Polonsky, Donahue, Emerson.

ADJOURNMENT

Jean moved, seconded by Linda, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Roll call IN FAVOR- Schwartz, Weatherall, Surpitski, Alexson, McShera, Carlson, Nikas, Jones, Polonski, Donahue, Emerson.