

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Peter Dziadose came forward, thanking the Finance Committee for attending. He reflected briefly on the history of Committees like this who have been looking for a new safety facility. The Select Board in 2017 gave the Public Safety Facility Committee the charge of looking for a place for a combined facility on a four- to five-acre lot. In looking all over town, the Committee viewed and reviewed several lots previously studied. They toured the current police and fire facilities. Bialek Park was seriously studied and interested citizens were interviewed for their concerns. Elm Street was seriously considered. A privately owned site is being studied, and Mr. Dziadose distributed a page of that site. The School Committee had deemed that it was too small for a school. Mr. Dziadose spoke with Father Keyes who was very supportive because the parcel would support the Town. Subsequent meetings were held with the Town Manager, the Police Chief, and church officials. Two days ago the Boston diocese agreed to offer two buildable upper lots on church-owned land (four acres) with the stipulation that only a public safety building would be built on the property. Attorneys on both sides are working on the project with the full support of the diocese. The price and manner of payment are as yet unresolved, and they have asked for two more weeks.

Fin Com members were receptive. The proposed land is within the appropriate fire response time within the Town. Alternate routes are available for emergency coverage from the proposed site. It would negate the very busy Rte. 1A (Central Street) in answering emergency calls from the current old Fire Station. The architect has walked the property. The Conservation Agent and the Planning Board have been consulted and have given their "ok".

At 7:30 p.m. the combined group of Public Safety and Finance Committee moved to Room C at the Town Hall because the Executive Session was reportedly being broadcast by ICAM. Michael Dougherty of the Fin Com had joined the meeting.

PSFC members explained their reviews of other sites which had been discarded for various reasons: lack of room for vehicle parking, fire apparatus turning, neighborhood complaints, and underground water problems. Land areas discarded by this PSFC committee will become available to the Town for other uses. Mr. Weatherall explained that the architect (HKT) has done the feasibility study, and the next phase (possibly Spring Town Meeting) would ask for preliminary design funding and the acquisition of the property.

Mr. Fay moved, (for the Finance Committee), seconded by Mr. Dougherty, to go out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. ROLL CALL IN FAVOR: M. Doherty, J. Fay, R. White, J. Bourque, T. Goodrich, and J. Skelton.

Mrs. Alexson moved, seconded by Ms. Jones, to go out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. ROLL CALL IN FAVOR: R. Donahue, P. Dziadose, K. Carlson, A. Theriault, T. Jones, R. Weatherall, R. McShera, L. Alexson, J. Emerson.