

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 7, 20221  
FIRST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:09 with the following members present: H. Schwartz, C. Surpitski, Acting Fire Chief L. Prentiss, R. Donahue, J. Fay, R. Harb, P. Dziadose, and J. Emerson. Absent: Chief P. Nikas, L. Alexson, T. Jones, K. Carlson, D. Morris.

**CITIZEN QUERIES**

None.

**REVIEW OF ONGOING/NEXT STEPS**

Because of the absence of the public at this meeting, Charlie asked if there is reservation about using notification of meetings and suggested “reverse calls” to an area of town for notification of a PSFC meeting (case in point: the 9/13/21 meeting scheduled at the Yacht Club).

The topic of letters to the public was discussed at length. The Climate Resilience Committee will produce a letter in support; Carolyn Britt of the Planning Committee will discuss the topic re their support; Fin Comm will have discussion; and Charlie agreed that he will work to put material together with former Police Chiefs Brouillette, and Keenan. To Bob’s question of Historic Commission’s possible interest in our project, Rob spoke of the possible writing of the horse-drawn vehicles housed in the current station. As a result, Bob will talk to Gordon Harris. Ken Swenson is willing to write a letter. Rob and Rami will put together a piece.

Harvey felt that the comparative data that Chief Nikas compiled should be put up on the website and will simplify the existing comparative chart for publication. Bob will look into the ability of Eric Copithorne to put that data on the website.

Members discussed the cost/timing for signage around town. Also, discussion involved negative reactions by some individuals in town. Suggestions were made to hear from the architects in town who appear to object to the project. A visual was suggested of the current problems with fire response from the current facility. Discussion ensued about putting up visuals (where members were in agreement), and Rob suggested putting together ten slides on Powerpoint at the Yacht Club of architectural renderings of public safety facilities (such as Salisbury’s), and, with Charlie’s comment that people don’t understand what is going into the building, Rami suggested pictures of the various parts of the new building. Lee offered websites for fire-house depictions of facilities. Rami and Rob will work on visuals and a basic graphic flowchart.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jamie moved, seconded by Harvey, to approve Minutes of 8/24/21. UNANIMOUS.

NEXT MEETINGS

Ipswich Bay Yacht Club -- 9/13/21, 7 p.m.

Council on Aging -- 9/15/21, 10 a.m.

Tours of Police and Fire Stations – 9/18/21, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Rob moved, seconded by Harvey, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. UNANIMOUS.