

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

Via Zoom

October 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN QUERIES

J. Naughton and A. Diluzio work in the project management public safety field in the Boston area and, interested in the Ipswich Public Safety project, listened in on the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tammy moved, seconded by Rob, to approve Minutes of 2/18/20 which included release of Executive Session Minutes of 3/21/17, 4/23/19, 7/17/19, 10/10/19, and Open Session Minutes of 1/14/20 and 1/29/20. Roll call IN FAVOR- Donahue, Weatherall, Alexson, Schwartz, Theriault, Dziadose, Jones, Surpitski, Fay, Polonsky, Carlson, and Emerson.

Linda moved, seconded by Paul P., to approve Minutes of 9/1/2020. Roll call IN FAVOR- Donahue, Weatherall, Alexson, Schwartz, Theriault, Dziadose, Jones, Surpitski, Fay, Polonsky, Carlson, and Emerson.

Tammy moved, seconded by Andy, to approve Minutes of 9/16/20. Roll call IN FAVOR- Weatherall, Donahue, Schwartz, Theriault, Carlson, Jones, Surpitski, Dziadose, Fay, Polonsky, and Emerson. L. Alexson abstained.

Tammy moved, seconded by Rob, to approve Minutes of 10/3/20. Roll call IN FAVOR- Donahue, Theriault, Alexson, Peter, Jones, Emerson. Weatherall, Schwartz, Carlson, Fay, Surpitski, and Polonsky abstained.

Rob moved, seconded by Andy, to approve Minutes of 10/6/20. Roll call IN FAVOR- Donahue, Weatherall, Carlson, Jones, Schwartz, Dziadose, Theriault, Surpitski, Polonsky, Fay, Emerson. L. Alexson abstained.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN MEETING PRESENTATION AND SPEAKERS

Linda explained that Moderator Tom Murphy will read every motion for every Article and call for a second. He will call on the speaker for each Article with a speaking limit of 5 minutes. In discussion, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. After the presentation, he will call on the individual Boards (Select Board, Fin Com, School Com) for discussion by them. Bob said that the site plan will be shown to the attendees at the meeting. Chief Nikas has put together a two-page handout for distribution to the attendees. With the rainy forecast, there was concern for a quorum.

ARTICLE 8 – LAND ACQUISITION

Charlie will speak to the Article to affirm the need for this property. Chief Nikas will be ready to address technical aspects of the question. Linda suggested that Finance Director Sarah Johnson or Town Manager Marino could answer as well. Discussion continued re possible questions from the floor: wetlands, garden replacement, Winthrop property (in the control of the School Committee), use of the old buildings (Select Board should handle), so many needs for the next 30 years but the last site is a powerful argument. There was a feeling that Andy should speak at the meeting.

ARTICLE 9 - DESIGN OF PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Bob will make a presentation re the Article followed up by the history of studies and need for new buildings by Jean. Chief Nikas will follow up with space sizes, need analysis, etc. Facts about the bond: \$20/yr. taxes on a \$500,000 property, declining to \$8 at the end of 30 years. Jamie confirmed that the Select Board and the Fin Com had dialogue within their own groups about the approach to the project and both were vetted and agreed. In fact, he said, there are 4 steps to the project, one of which was the feasibility study; 2, the land; 3, the design; and 4, the construction.

ADJOURNMENT

Jean moved, seconded by Paul, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Roll call IN FAVOR- Donahue, Weatherall, Carlson, Surpitski, Schwartz, Theriault, Fay, Dziadose, Alexson, Jones, Polonsky, McShera, Emerson.