

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2017
TOWN HALL ROOM B2

OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: P. Polonsky, C. Surpitski, L. Alexson, K. Buhl, P. Dziadose, T. Howe, Acting Fire Chief A. Theriault, R. Donahue, H. Schwartz, and J. Emerson. Police Chief Nikas and R. McShera were absent.

CITIZENS QUERIES

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weatherall introduced Tammy Howe to the group as the Finance Committee representative.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW AND EDITING OF DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE

Work first began on Rob Donahue's draft for the Statement handout for Fall Town Meeting. Points agreed on were (1) a feasibility study with a ten-year timeline for viability, (2) indefinite site determination for one or two public safety buildings until Town Meeting/ballot decision on a new elementary school, and (3) more information regarding the Communications Department which is a vital part of public safety. After 4 p.m. each day, on weekends, and on holidays, the Police Department is called for emergencies including the following departments: harbor, shellfish, electrical, water, and animal control. Mr. Surpitski explained that the Communications Department is the only connection that people have to government.

Paul Polonsky was given the assignment to write up a synopsis of the duties in the communication area. Tammy Howe was asked to put information together in regard to Town finances and planning.

Two means of communication to the townspeople were discussed: (1) ICAM tours of the two current facilities of Fire and Police, and (2) a survey for questions by the resident voters. The tone to be advanced to obtain community support is that all are in a common effort for a community building. A tagline was discussed: "Will you answer the call?", "Find the time to answer the call!"

The feasibility study will help us move forward. Community space is an item to be included in the feasibility study; restrooms and meeting-room spaces for the community are an important component.

The document was put aside for the time being to concentrate on the upcoming Town Meeting.

The group then worked on Bob Weatherall's draft for presentation by him at the beginning of the Fall Town Meeting on November 7. Various areas were edited and clarified and a second draft will be prepared by Mr. Weatherall for committee perusal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Surpitski, to approve Minutes of September 12, 2017. UNANIMOUS.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on November 21 when ideas for moving forward (survey, ICAM, etc.) will be discussed.

Mr. Donahue moved, seconded by Mr. Buhl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. UNANIMOUS.