

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

3/21/17

Mrs. Emerson moved, seconded by Chief Nikas, to go into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m., to discuss strategy with respect to preparations for negotiations or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of a public body and the chair so declares. Roll call IN FAVOR- Emerson, Weatherall, Schwartz, Dziadose, Surpitski, Gagnon, Polonsky, Nikas.

Downtown land owned by the Town:

- a. Field next to the Town Hall, Green Street
- b. Elm Street (2/1/2 acres—II units under construction at old Town Hall
- c. Highway garage, County Rd.
- d. Bialek Park (Surpitski reported a Spring Town Meeting Warrant Article to take the park and make it as green space, a Study committee to get a sense of a skatepark, bandstand, etc. to protect a part.)

A sheet of available vacant, open land sites in Town was distributed to the committee and each was evaluated, but most discarded because of wetland, hills, too far away from center of town, or recently off the table because of purchase or development. 5 Winter Street warranted a look.

Other options: land with a building:

- a. Lord Square – Physical-therapy building to old Fire Station
- b. Two private homes next to Rite Aid which were willing to sell to the Town
- c. Piece of property at Hellenic Center
- d. Ipswich Ford
- e. Tedford, Brown Sq. – old building
- f. The 20,000 sq. ft. building on the Bialek site which would work with a 2-story footprint

Mr. Schwartz asked for a map of the target areas.** Mr. Surpitski said he will approach the Town Planner Gibbs on ideas. Mr. Dziadose asked if DPW could go to Fowler's Lane. While it is a large lot, there are tanks there and there might be a cost.