

IPSWICH PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 4, 2017  
TOWN HALL, TOWN MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pro Temp Chief Nikas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: P. Polonsky, Fire Chief G. Gagnon, H. Schwartz, R. McSherer, R. Donahue, and J. Emerson. Absent were P. Dziadose, C. Surpitski, K. Buhl, and R. Weatherall

CITIZEN QUERIES

Chief Nikas welcomed the group noting that there were no citizen queries.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

In reference to Bob Weatherall's email ( 4/4/17-4:57pm) , the motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Weatherall as Chair or Co-chair. UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Schwartz volunteered to be Vice-Chair. Mrs. Emerson moved to close nominations, seconded by G. Gagnon. UNANIMOUS.

DISCUSSION OF OPM COST AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD

Chief Nikas stated that we need a professional to start. Ryan McSherer, architect, estimated a \$30,-50,000 amount for a feasibility study. To Mr. Schwartz' question of how to go about the cost, Chief Nikas said he will be attending a trade show in Marlborough on April 14 at which time he will talk to Public Safety Professionals. He produced three samples from previous years, including Reinhardt Associates (Hamilton, MA, Fire Facility) and Kaestler Boos Assoc., Inc. (Holden, MA, Public Safety Facility in 2012] whom he thought might come to speak to the Committee without charge. Kaestler Boos had done some work for the Police in 2012.

Discussion then centered on a game plan, waiting until after Town Meeting with site selection and, instead, focusing on needs assessment and programming. If the combined facility is designed to last 50 years, a design should be good for 3-5 years while the Town Capital Plan is worked through. McSherer said that a bubble idea of a building, independent of a site, could be a saleable plan.

Chief Nikas suggested talking to the Salisbury Fire Department which has a new facility. Gagnon and Nikas will speak with the Town Finance Director re the process for an RFP. Nikas will speak with Kevin Murphy, School Building Committee Chair, for ideas and process. Gagnon will talk to Fire Chiefs to discover what they would have changed in their process for a new building. Ryan McSherer will get information for RFPs. For the next meeting, the two chiefs will talk about needs assessment for a combined facility. Rob Donahue urged continuing the conversation

with townspeople about the public safety facility, its approximate price, and its square-footage requirements.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 25 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Donahue moved, seconded by Chief Nikas, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

**UNANIMOUS.**