

IPSWICH PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B2

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with the following members present: H. Schwartz, L. Alexson, Chief A. Theriault, K. Carlson, T. Howe, R. McShera, Chief P. Nikas, R. Donahue, P. Dziadose, and J. Emerson. Absent were C. Surpitski and P. Polonsky.

DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES RE FACILITIES CONDITIONS

Precipitated by the recent CHRONICLE article re taxpayer money spent on repairs and maintenance, Chief Nikas noted that black mold has recently been reported at the Police Station. Following discussion, consensus was reached to call in a news reporter when the situation at the Police Station is being cleaned up. Chief Theriault mentioned that \$60,000 had been spent within the past two years to remove mold in the kitchen of the Fire Station. Their downstairs bathroom now needs restoration.

Further discussion of the need for public awareness of Fire/Police Departments' progress netted two suggestions: publishing the schedules for PSFC/Selection Committee for the Designer between now and Spring Town Meeting (suggested by Harvey) and the value of the old Fire Station as a building to be saved for future use (suggested by Tammy).

UPDATE ON RFQ FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

Police Chief Nikas reported that formal request has been made to the Town Manager to adopt the Designer Selection Policy and Procedures document (which the Town has never had). The Finance Director has made legalese adjustments for approval, and formal request has gone to Town Counsel and Town Manager to approve the Request for Qualifications for Design Services. Subsequently, the RFQ will be ready on October 1 when everybody signs off.

Chief Nikas stated that the basic standard carries a response time of 30 days unless the Town agrees to extend for an additional 30 days. The Certificate of Non-collusion is set to go. The standard (State document) application is being used for applicants along with other papers associated with this procedure.

The Chief also reported that, while he has the authority to do the selecting himself, the Town Manager has no problem with the Selection Committee being composed of the current PSFC. He understands the process, having had involvement in his previous position.

Rob Donahue explained the timeline to begin on October 1 as a 30-day window for applicants to respond with a 15-day question/answer period and continued to simplify the process, piece by piece, for the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob W. moved, seconded by Linda, to approve Minutes of August 14, 2018.
UNANIMOUS with H. Schwartz and R. Donahue abstaining.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

PSFC will meet on Wednesday, October 17, at 7 p.m.
Tammy moved, seconded by Harvey, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. UNANIMOUS.