

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 20, 2018

Town Hall Room B2

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS' QUERIES

None.

REPORT RE SELECT BOARD READING OF THE TM WARRANT

Bob Weatherall and Linda Alexson reported that the Feasibility Study appears in the #13 position on the May TM Warrant for Town Meeting with a total of more than 20 Articles. Bob summarized that the BOS is supportive, but the funding is not clear at this time. The former Town Manager wanted the money to come from the Stabilization Fund which requires a 2/3 majority vote. Free Cash is only a simple majority.

DISCUSSION RE THE TRI-FOLD BROCHURE

Ryan McShera distributed a tri-fold draft of the Ipswich Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study which will be a handout at the May Town Meeting. The Committee was approving of the material and, because Tammy had to leave for a FinCom meeting at 7:30, she spoke of a facility for everybody in Town including emergency Management services as well as space for a Town shelter.

Chief Nikas remarked about the training room as a warm place in the short term and the future ability to host citizens in a shelter, presently not available anywhere in Town. Recent storms have brought that need to the forefront for citizens and public safety people. Tammy spoke about having a facility that would be ready on a 24-hour basis for all emergencies, and the tone of the brochure should be encompassing for community needs. Tammy concluded with the comment that Ipswich has a large land mass of community and the two questions are in this order: (1)What does the community need? and (2)Where would the facility be located? The Tri-Board meeting on March 27 will discuss the issue.

Tammy then departed for the Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

With input from all Committee members, the six-sided brochure, drafted by John (Ryan's associate who attended the last meeting), was reviewed and suggestions noted. Pictures on the front depict the current Fire House in its infancy (circa 1910) with one motorized truck and three horse-drawn vehicles and the electric department storage facility (circa 1938) which has become the Ipswich Police Station. A description of the two inadequate facilities, identification of all facets of the public safety facilities (i.e., communications, fire, police, etc.), and a panel answering the question "Why do we need change?" complete the inside. The Feasibility Study is spelled out in financial analysis, needs assessment, long-term

capital planning, and site requirements. Lastly, the Committee members, their mission, and responsibilities are given recognition.

ICAM

The group feeling for ICAM depiction of current facilities via ICAM tours seems to be when the building itself comes up before the Town vote. Chief Nikas said the website can be built in a week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ryan McShera moved, seconded by Bob Weatherall, to approve Minutes of February 13, 2018. UNANIMOUS with L. Alexson abstaining.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was set for April 10 to talk about presentation at Town Meeting and to review the final draft of the brochure for Town Meeting handout and associated costs.

B. Weatherall moved, seconded by R. McShera, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. UNANIMOUS.