

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN HALL ROOM B2
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: Fire Chief Theriault, K. Carlson, C. Surpitski, P. Polonsky, L. Alexson, H. Schwartz, Police Chief Nikas, P. Dziadose (7:16 p.m.), and J. Emerson. Absent were T. Jones, J. Skelton, R. Donahue, and R. McShera.

CITIZEN QUERIES

Michael Kuzansky, resident of the "Old Town Hall" in Ipswich, asked about sites and was told the meeting was called to discuss and refine a series of questions/answers that will give the public the salient points regarding the need for public safety facility(ies) at the upcoming Fall Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF FAQs

Harvey asked if the site had become public and was told that the parishioners had been informed by Father Keyes, and many people now know of the possibility for a site for the public safety facility. Consequently, Bob Weatherall gave Mr. Kuzansky a synopsis of all the sites that have been studied, but financial negotiations are incomplete. Several of the Fin Com members have met with PSFC and are agreeable to the project. While preliminary studies show us that other sites are not as good, Charlie commented that because the church is interested and it is our prime site, doesn't mean that we should set the expectation that it is ours. To Linda's question of when the agreement with the church would be finalized, Chief Nikas said that the two attorneys (Town and church) are working together, and he expects a Purchase and Sale agreement in November. Harvey advised that the Fall Town Meeting highpoint would be the announcement that an agreement has been reached. Chief Nikas suggested that we reach out to the Bialek group so they don't feel blind-sided; Bob W. will contact Jack Moon.

The four pages of refined questions/answers which the Committee has been compiling for the last several meetings were worked on at length with careful combing for ease of understanding and relevancy. While the website is not used currently beyond posting meetings and approved Open Minutes, it will be very usable for information, photos, etc. Bob W. will request that HKT's architect prepare a quick synopsis of her findings. The revised edition of the FAQs will include public-safety patches and two hundred copies will be produced for distribution at Fall Town Meeting. The flyer produced by Ryan McShera will be held until Spring Town Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda moved, seconded by Chief Theriault, to approve Open Session Minutes of 10/10/19. UNANIMOUS (Nikas abstaining).

ADJOURNMENT Jean moved, seconded by Bob, to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. UNANIMOUS.

