



Plympton Public Safety  
Building Committee

# Meeting Summary - 09/09/15

- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm. Members present Nancy Butler, Jake Jacobson, Bob Karling (joined shortly after review of the minutes), Art Morin, Colleen Thompson, Harry Weikel, and Jon Wilhelmsen. Advisors present: Warren Borsari, Pat Dillon, and Dale Pleau. Residents present: Mark Russo.
- Minutes from 8/19 were reviewed. Minutes were approved as amended on the motion of AM, second NB. 6-0-0.
- DP presented a first-cut/back of envelope plan from an engineer which validated that the existing campus could indeed fit both public safety buildings to the west of the Town House - leaving room for the existing ball fields and, once the old fire station is removed, additional recreational areas including a basketball court (moved from Palmer Road) and a small playground similar to the one at the Dennett soccer fields. A significant amount of discussion regarding building placement, size, etc. transpired. Generally, the Committee agreed that the first draft was a good step forward, but some further refinement was needed. It was noted that the current draft did not address the library parking lot, the addition of the basketball court/playground among other items.
- DP will follow up with the engineers with respect to:
  - Library area
  - Ballfields and other recreational amenities (basketball court, playground)
  - Reconfiguration of police station to move the sally port and entrance for the public
  - Flip the design of the Fire Station (equipment bay to the back to reduce the scale viewable from Palmer Road)
  - Re-assess the parking configuration to provide for a maximization of the green space and placement for trees in the parking lot.
- NB left the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion
- Question was raised regarding requirement for a sprinkled building and whether there were other exemptions for the requirement for buildings over 7k sq ft. WB will contact Marion Pillette to determine what waivers may exist. He worked extensively with him during the Sysco project and he is a preeminent expert in this area. He will report back at the next meeting.
- Next steps review:
  - BOS approved the requests made by the PPSBC at the 8/19 meeting. DP will review results of the “back of envelope” rendering by the consultants.
  - PD reviewed the needs of the Police Department building. The potential building that would meet the department’s needs for an extended period of time would come in under 6k sq ft. It would include all necessary facility improvements for the department staff and appropriate safety requirements for prisoner booking, etc. Final schematics would need to be done by the winning bidder, but the design presented is from a modular company who has previously built a similarly sized structure.

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- WB presented some initial comments regarding the Fire Department needs including apparatus bays at 90' feet long; need for sleeping quarters - unisex; separate changing areas/bathrooms; and decontamination area. WB then received a MVA call and had to leave the meeting. He will provide the Committee an update at the next meeting.
- Discussion about next steps when we have good conceptual schematics. Generally agreed that funds appropriated at Town Meeting, both for evaluation of Town land including 5 Palmer Road and at this most recent Town Meeting need to address architectural, landscape architectural and engineering needs to be able to put these projects out to an accurate RFP. Final building specific designs would be sorted out with the winning bidders, but we need to provide them with detailed information to get an accurate bid, including types of materials, scale and size of the buildings, etc.
- Next steps:
  - WB to report on sprinkler requirements from Mr. Pillette
  - DP to provide updated conceptual drawings addressing Committee comments
- Next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2015 @ 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm on the motion of AM second HW. Vote: 6-0-0