



Plympton Public Safety
Building Committee

Meeting Summary - 10/28/15

- Meeting called to order at 6:02pm. Members present Nancy Butler, Jake Jacobson, Bob Karling, Art Morin, Colleen Thompson, Harry Weikel, and Jon Wilhelmsen. Advisors present: Warren Borsari, Jim Mulcahy and Dale Pleau. Residents present: Mark Russo.
- DP update: He indicated that he believes the Center Street property perked. AM indicated both Center Street plots perked. 4 test holes on each property and all were successful. DP said sprinklers could be added to the modular bid. Site work and foundations, however, would need to be under prevailing wage. Collins engineering has been working on a redone plan, though they did not attend the meeting tonight.
- WB equipment overview: schematic of fire vehicles provided; also provided image of carver's FD with painted floor that illustrates where vehicles go and where the safety zones are located. Discussion regarding the length of bays - why do we need more than 80'? WB indicated that for safety it would be beneficial. Number of chiefs around the area agree that 90' is a good idea. WB noted that there was likely extra space in the "designed" turning radius. The prior plan had 80' turning radius - and with the added length of the bays it could go down to 75' - our biggest turning radius is 49' for an older vehicle. The rest of the vehicles are under that. MR noted added cost of materials for constructing the larger bay. JW noted that if the turning radius isn't needed at 80 or 75' - perhaps we could drop it further, thus reducing the footprint of the building and its surrounding area. This will need to be explored with the engineer. MR suggested that a survey should be done to determine length of bays of surrounding fire departments. JW questioned whether WB could contact departments (across MA) that have recently built fire stations and enquire what they did and why.
- DP noted that the revised plan was able to accommodate the Committee requests from last time. Plan is not complete yet but Dale will be receiving it shortly and will circulate to the Committee and advisors. A meeting next week seems to be in order to review the plan. Motion by NB, second by AM for meeting next Wed @ 6pm. 7-0-0.
- MR noted concern with timing. Discussion was that time is short and AM noted that we probably need to have this firmed up by mid-January.
- Next steps:
 - WB - will survey surrounding towns and other departments where they might have recently built a new station
 - DP - will circulate plans as soon as he received them, He will also prepare a swag at a timeline and circulate to the committee. Next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2015 @ 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on the motion of AM second JJ. Vote: 7-0-0