



Plympton Public Safety  
Building Committee

# Meeting Summary - 12/2/15

- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm. Members present Nancy Butler, Jake Jacobson, Bob Karling, Art Morin, Colleen Thompson, and Jon Wilhelmsen. Absent: Harry Weikel. Advisors present: Warren Borsari, Pat Dillon, Jim Mulchay and Dale Pleau. Residents present: Mark Russo, John Henry, Irving Butler, Russell Benassi, Steve (last name not known)
- Minutes for 11/4 were approved with amendments on the motion of CT, second JJ, 6-0-0
- Minutes for 11/18 were approved with amendments on the motion of NB, second BK, 6-0-0
- DP update: All drainage and structural site work (retaining walls) would need to be done and part of the definitive plan to put the Police Station at the bottom of the hill by the Town Barn. The definitive plans would thus be 60% of total costs for plan estimated to be around \$100k - so amount needed is \$60k. None of the funds from 2014 Article 17 can be used for that given the wording according to the Town Accountant. Only \$14k left in the other fund. Putting the Police Station at the bottom of the hill would require going back to Town Meeting for the funds and would delay the Police Station by a year. If the Police Station is moved back up to the top of the hill in place of the proposed Fire Station - then approximately \$5k for a plan. DP noted that 4 separate committee members had approached him over the last couple of weeks about siting the Police Station in place of the Fire Station.
- JW noted that this was the first he was hearing about this and that it needed to be discussed. JM suggested \$60k site plan would have to go out to bid and DP agreed. DP provided an update from the modular company: their bid would be based on what is included in the bid specs - so if wiring for a security system is included, it would be part of the bid. This would not include furniture, etc. Gas line would need to be extended along 58. Can't extend off the existing Town House lines as it is not large enough to accommodate the flow. It would need to come down Rte 58 and then to the buildings.
- AM expressed concern with cost of site work. He noted that it should be cheaper to buy 5 acres of land to site fire station, etc. than do site work. Significant discussion amongst the committee around the pros and cons of the new proposal. JW and BK both expressed concern that the Police Station plan must not limit a future Fire Station installation in any way - and that we should have a solid concept of a master plan heading into Town Meeting. Discussion noted that moving the police station resolved site work and definitive plan cost issues. JW noted that if the Fire Station was moved back it would resolve issues with the size of the building by the road - also having the Police Station next to the Town House would also keep it on the main campus, thus potentially improving security for the fields and a possible basketball court. PD expressed concern that we were revisiting prior discussions and the chances of moving ahead were being limited. JW noted that this was a new proposal to certain members of the committee and expressed an opinion that this was a healthy discussion to vet the new proposal. The committee has clearly articulated its position that it believes the Police Station is a priority given the current issues.
- IB questioned whether the ball fields really should be considered a "sacred cow". CT noted that this was an item of discussion early on and the committee decided that it should be a goal of the plan developed. JW noted that he had spoken with a number of parents who's kids were involved with baseball and they liked having the fields there. MR commented that quality of life/town center environment was important as well and should be a guiding principal in our thinking.

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- That the police station should be sited next to the fire station provided that the plan for the police station does not impinge on any future options for siting the fire station on the Town Center campus - on the motion of NB, second JJ - 6-0-0
- That the committee ask the selectmen to proceed with contacting the adjacent land owner regarding the potential purchase of land for the Town Center campus - on the motion of JJ, second NB - 6-0-0
- JW raised the discussion point as to whether additional work by the library and in main parking area should be considered as part of the Police Station plan. The committee as a whole did not appear to have critical mass to proceed with this idea.
- PD noted that it should cost a bit more than \$100k to outfit the police station. This would include such items as a commercial generator, phone system, security camera and alarm systems, a 2-person work station, reception station, lockers and general office supplies.
- Next Steps: DP to proceed with getting a definitive plan for the police station to be next to the town house as outlined in the above motion
- Next meetings are scheduled for December 16 and 30 2015 @ 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm on the motion of NB second JJ. Vote: 6-0-0