

Plympton Public Safety Building Committee

Meeting Summary - 12/16/15

- Meeting called to order at 6:05pm. Members present Nancy Butler, Jake Jacobson, Harry Weikel, Art Morin, Colleen Thompson, and Jon Wilhelmsen. Absent: Bob Karling Advisors present: Pat Dillon, Jim Mulchay and Dale Pleau. Residents present: Mark Russo
- Minutes for 12/2 were approved with amendments on the motion of CT, second AM, 6-0-0
- Revised plans for the police station were reviewed. A detention basin was used in the plan to save cost possibly will cut site work in half. Per JM, this type of basis is not designed to retain, but to only detain, though there is an ongoing maintenance cost to make sure it keeps working properly and does not turn into a retention basin. This basin is designed to drain out past the town barn. There was some discussion about playground and why that was included. DP said did not know why it was included. JW asked about the cost and why a design not requested was included. DP said we weren't moving forward with it so it did not matter. JW said that we should not be paying for design work not requested. The Committee discussed having the police station moved further away from the TH and basin being moved further up rom the town barn. PD said that, "The Chief of Police loves the new plan". Question about width of the driveway around the police station 24 feet. It is needed for emergency egress and snow clearing. Request was made to add additional green space and additional parking around the Police station and to modify the clear cutting noted on the plan. DP will ask that the noted changes be made to the plan.
- CT advised that the Selectmen are looking into possibility of a land purchase. More details to follow when available.
- CT & MR noted a recent petition presented to the Selectmen and that future meetings may be taped for rebroadcast on the cable station and YouTube.
- The Committee noted that the gas line requirements/specifics need to be looked into. JM said we may need a plan for the building itself so that the gas company can provide estimates for the costs. It is possible that the existing plan and square footage would be enough. JM will look into it.
- After Committee discussion it was decided that a consultant should be hired as envisioned in the May 2015 warrant article. On the motion of NB /JJ, the Committee will move ahead with advertisement for a construction management firm/consultant to advise on the project. 6-0-0. DP was asked to proceed with the advertisement.
- MR noted concern with timeline and that we might be hemming ourselves in.
- The Committee also discussed the building itself. There was some question as to whether the modular building actually is cheaper that a conventionally built building. PD was going to follow up with some other police departments that were known to be using modular building or had used.
- Next steps: DP will get revisions made to the plan. He will also start pursuing the Police station building information and will get the advertisement together for the consultant. PD will report back on other department buildings.
- Next meetings are scheduled for December 30, 2015 @ 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm on the motion of AM second NB. Vote: 6-0-0

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