



Plympton Public Safety  
Building Committee

# Meeting Summary - 01/06/16

- Meeting called to order at 6:05pm. 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 (left the meeting @ 7:05pm). Residents present: Mark Russo. David Klenert of Collins Engineering Group presented the revised Police Station concept plan to the group at the beginning of the meeting.
- Minutes for 12/16 were approved with amendments on the motion of CT, second NB, 6-0-0
- Revised Police Station conceptual plan presentation: Basin is now at existing elevation. Would build up on one side and cut into the other side. Can move it up the slope depending on water table. With current location there is a buffer between police station and basin. Also leaves room for potential basin for future fire station if placed on the property. Police station moved back from the Town House by 10 feet. Driveways around the police station are all 30' which will allow for plenty of room for emergency apparatus to exit and enter. Additional green space added in front of the police station and about 10,000 sq feet of trees not cut down. Existing septic tank will have to be moved and can be lowered.
- Questions regarding space for driveway - determined the plan was more than sufficient. Rte 58 is 29.5' wide. This driveway would be 30' wide. ADA compliant ramp would have to be added to the BOH office.
- MR noted that the Fire Station can no longer be fit on the site and preserve the ball fields without acquiring additional land. Questioned whether this is a concern for the committee.
- Possible purchase of land - initial contact has been made. The conversation needs to continue.
- Fire Station location discussion. Will need to flush out plan options. Need to consider costs and what we can afford.
- MR - think we have one shot at town meeting. Believes it is important that we have a master plan. Also noted grant has provided the town with access to the Collins Group from Boston University who is going to help the town better understand its financial situation - study should be done in 3 - 6 months. Are we ahead of ourselves from a financial perspective? Could make a more informed decision in 3 - 6 months - should we be aiming for a special TM or the 2017 TM. DP believes we could pay off Police station in 3 years and that this is not a concern. Questions also raised as to whether the capital purpose fund can be accessed at a special TM or only an annual TM.
- Agreement that a fair amount of work still needs to be done. Have a good plan now for the PD which is a critical need, but still a fair amount of work to put the PD plan together - as well as an understanding of the future options.
- Motion that we accept the new plan for the PD as presented. JJ/NB. 6-0-0 Noted that this vote did not mean that the committee would submit this plan to the selectmen with their recommendation, but rather that the plan met the committee's requests and was a reasonable alternative provided that the costs to construct were reasonable.
- There was a question regarding the land to the other side of the town barn - approx. 3 acres. The engineers provided a back of envelope assessment and they did not believe that it would be large enough.
- Regarding the police building: RFP for modular or stick built? PD called Hamden Police Department. Ended up going with the stick built building in Hamden - the construction company came in with a lower bid despite the number of custom items they were looking for. That company also is going to bid on a new station in Palmer.

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- DP provided an ad for the Construction consultant. There were minimal comments provided by the Committee. It was noted that the delay in getting the ad out may pose some difficulty in getting this ready for TM. DP will post the ad as soon as possible.
- TTD:
  - DP to place ad for consultant
  - BOS will continue to pursue land discussions
  - MR to verify that Capital Purpose Fund is only available at annual town meeting
- Adjourn on motion of JJ/AM 6-0-0
- Next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2016 @ 6pm and weekly thereafter for the next month or so.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm on the motion of NB second JJ. Vote: 6-0-0