



Plympton Public Safety  
Building Committee

# Meeting Summary - 02/17/16

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. Members present Nancy Butler, Jake Jacobson, Bob Karling, Art Morin, Colleen Thompson, and Harry Weikel. Absent: Jon Wilhelmsen. Advisors present: Pat Dillon & Dale Pleau. Also in attendance: The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, BOS Administrative Assistant Brigitte Martins, and members of the public. This meeting was recorded for Area 58 Cable Access. Meeting included both the PPSBC and the PPSB Consultant Search Subcommittee.
- The PPSB Consultant Search Subcommittee has reviewed the three previously chosen companies bidding on the consultant RFP and made the final choice of P3. P3 has had municipal experience, is local (Norwell) and was recommended by neighboring towns. They do all of the work in-house and are available to participate in meetings with town committees as necessary.
- Motion: BK moved that the Public Safety Building Committee accept the recommendation of the sub-committee to use P3 as the consultant. NB seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0
- Motion: BK moved that the PPSBC recommend that the BOS hire P3 as the consultant on this project. JJ seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0
- Members of the BOS and FinCom raised concerns that this consultant is not being hired to work on the entire building project, but just the police station. In order to provide the necessary information to the Collins Center for the 5-Year Capital Plan, to move the project forward and have firmer figures to present to Town Meeting when appropriate, we will need to have costing information on all aspects of this large project. It is understood that the Town may not proceed with the entire project at once, but long range planning is necessary. Additionally, it seems that \$25,000 is too much to spend on a consultant for just the police station. The Warrant Article established this fund for both a police station and a fire station not just one building.
- Disappointment and other concerns were voiced that this would stop or at least severely slow the much needed police station. Because of Massachusetts law, we cannot simply change our direction with this consultant under the current RFP. We will need to cancel this and put out a new RFP or, since the cost would be much less, a simple ad to request a consultant to just do pricing. More discussion centered on the build or refurbish the fire station question. This was considered to be outside of the current discussion and tabled.
- The BOS said that they are happy with the work done to date by the PPSBC and that it is all necessary to the process. They asked that the PPSBC meet next week to pursue new avenues for moving forward with both buildings. Specifically it was suggested that the PPSBC review the work done so far, including engineering plans and conceptual drawings for both buildings and the entire campus. Using that information the PPSBC will develop a new RFP/ad for hiring a consultant to work on the costing aspects of this project. Perhaps there will be time to get a warrant out for design costs on this project for the 2016 Town Meeting. With a good design and strong capital planning we can move the project, as a whole or in phases, from concept to reality in 2017.
- CT moved that the PPSBC meeting adjourn at 7:30. BK seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0