

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL ROOM B2
JANUARY 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: Chief A. Theriault, H. Schwartz, L. Alexson, K. Carlson, C. Surpitski, Chief P. Nikas, P. Dziadose, and J. Emerson. J. Fay joined the meeting at 7:30 and Tammy joined from the Fin Com meeting at 8:12 p.m. Absent were: P. Polonsky, R. Donahue, and R. McShera.

CITIZEN QUERIES

None.

FOLLOWUP ON DISCUSSION FROM LAST MEETING

Chief Nikas reported that the Town Manager wants a vote re the date to request funding for a Public Safety Facility. Discussion centered around the need to have everything accurate and everybody comfortable. After discussion, the group was supportive for the date of October for a Town Meeting vote, but decided to wait until the January 29 meeting before voting.

Going forward, Charlie suggested laying out a grid for accomplishments over the next eight months with newspaper articles, the website, etc. and make a timeline.

Chief Theriault has set up tour dates for public viewing of the current fire facility: March 4, 14, 18, and 28.

WORK ON WEBSITE INFORMATION/SETUP

With Chief Nikas relating accomplishments thus far and taking notes, the Committee reviewed the website pages and added commentary. Included are photos of both old current facilities and their history, studies done in 2002 and 2012 showing needs, PSFC members' identification, map(s) of the chosen plot with overlay of buildings, traffic study of the center of town (a new DOT survey soon to be published), the proposed facility, questionnaires regarding both departments, Fire Dept. call reports, and site analyses of the two sites studied: Elm Street and Linebrook/Pineswamp Road.

Harvey commended Chief Nikas on the website, and all agreed that it will change and grow as the months advance to October. Peter read off numbers of people on Twitter and Facebook commenting that people are watching.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 29 MEETING AT OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH

Peter confirmed the date for the community meeting at the church. Plans for the meeting are as follows:

- Announcement of the Town Meeting date
- Project maps
- Town Manager to speak on the purchase and sale
- The Committee's work, decision re the site

Questions from the community

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harvey moved, seconded by Tammy, to approve amended Minutes of 1/7/2020.
UNANIMOUS.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy moved, seconded by Keith, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. UNANIMOUS.