

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM
MAY 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:03 with the following members present: L. Alexson, T. Jones, Fire Chief A. Theriault, R. Donahue, J. Fay, P. Dziadose, C. Surpitski, and J. Emerson. Absent were: Chief Nikas, K. Carlson, and H. Schwartz. D. Morris observed.

CITIZEN QUERIES

None.

CONTINUING DISCUSSION RE HKT REPORT AND INFORMING THE RESIDENTS

Rob, referring to the completed report from HKT (which is a very heavy book), called it momentous to have the report in book form and done! It will be on the website shortly. On June 7 the Select Board (its membership wholly new since the present PSFC was formed in 2016) has invited PSFC to its meeting. A Finance Committee invitation to be set in June isn't finalized yet. Zoom meetings are over. Rob suggested that meetings at the EBSCO site could be possible.

Bob spoke of the need for a letter in the paper relative to the completed report. Public safety platforms need to be on social media and on the Public Safety website as well. The more people who take the virtual tours of Fire and Police stations, the better. Reference was made to the recent Middleton video on Facebook of their public safety needs comparable to Ipswich's needs. It continues with a "Picture of the Day" or a "Picture of the Week". Jeremy Dalton, of the Fire Department, has experience in this regard and may be able to help Ipswich to put something together. Tammy suggested taking salient points from the HKT report and developing them rather than linking the whole book. Jean offered to read the 500-page HKT report, extracting parts to bring attention to the townspeople of the need.

A group of PSFC members would like to visit the new Essex public safety building; Jamie can help with that. There needs to be a comparison published which brings out the \$12.5 million cost for the Essex call-department-only complex relative to Ipswich's needs. The Climate Resiliency Committee people, Carolyn Britt and Mike Johnson, want to get PSFC to view the new Beverly station. Bob would like Ryan McShera's vacated spot to be filled with a builder or an architect.

Fire Chief Andy and Bob had a conversation, and the president of the union Jeff Stone has been contacted. Tammy is more than happy to go on a listening tour with Andy in an effort to meet with the firefighters. Their new Deputy Chief will be appointed soon and could be added to PSFC meetings. Linda asked for insight, and Andy replied their thinking is that everything is etched in stone and some don't want to move from downtown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tammy moved, seconded by Linda, to approve Minutes of May 4, 2021. Roll call IN FAVOR- Linda, Bob, Jean, Tammy, Charlie, Peter, Rob. Abstaining: Jamie, Andy, Dan.

NEXT MEETING

June 15 is set for the next meeting IN PERSON, place to be determined.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Bob referred to an information session with the AGN members (roughly 400) and the need to tag them. Jean and he are working on that.

ADJOURNMENT

Thanks were given to Rob for all his work during COVID in setting up Zoom meetings. It spurred discussion to utilize Zoom while we are meeting in person, providing there is a camera at said meeting.

Tammy moved, seconded by Linda, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Roll call IN FAVOR- Linda, Bob, Andy, Jamie, Jean, Tammy, Charlie, Peter, Rob.