

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

Via ZOOM

JULY 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with the following members present: R. Donahue, P. Polonsky, L. Alexson, K. Carlson, Chief P. Nikas, H. Schwartz, J. Fay, T. Jones, P. Ddziadose, and J. Emerson. Absent were R. McShera, C. Surpitski, and Chief Theriault.

CITIZEN QUERIES

None.

DISCUSSION ON VIDEO TOURS OF FIRE/POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENT FACILITIES

Chief Nikas has approximately 48 15- to 20-second videos of different aspects of the police station including drone aerial views, awaiting a commentator. Nikas gave examples of the sally port leading into the booking room and of the mechanical/storage rooms showing the conditions and lack of space. If changes are to be made regarding videos/commentary, he would like the PSFC to preview in case of an omission or technical error and correct it with his IT person before it is given to Kendall to narrate. While Harvey opined that more info is better than less, Tammy suggested keeping the videos to 3-5 minutes that viewers could click to. Bob asked if they could possibly be reviewed by this committee or a subgroup of the committee.

When Bob questioned a video presentation by the Fire Department, Keith had no knowledge of it. Chief Nikas said their drone could be used.

DISCUSSION ABOUT OCTOBER 17 TOWN MEETING

Discussion continued at length as to whether PSFC could be ready with a Warrant for October 17 Town Meeting. While Linda was cautious that the whole thing could be organized for a presentation at Town Meeting, Jamie thought that we could go forward stating that we have a seller who would like to sell for this purpose, we would have a 20-year bond, and every year that we postpone it becomes more expensive, being not a question of "if" but "when." We do want to make sure that people are feeling secure economically with the biggest override in town history he said. "The church is pushing hard to have this sale go through", said Tammy, "and in the event that we bought the property before the override, we could say that we did not pass up the opportunity." Rob, asking why we would not put it on the Fall Town Warrant (for lack of readiness or COVID), felt that we need the first opportunity to move this thing along.

Moving forward in a deliberate and constant manner, Bob proposed getting the Select Board and the Finance Committee on board and nudging Janet (of HKT) to work on the schematics when the opportunity to borrow at a low rate is unprecedented. Tammy felt that we have one month to get the Boards behind us, and the Town Manager is well respected in articulating that this a good time for construction. Jamie reflected that the Fin Com will be thinking of the capital projects for the Town as a whole. Linda urged that the townspeople

want to see the design beyond the price of the land. Bob will attend the Fin Com meeting on August 11 and the Select Board meeting on August 17 in an effort to work with the members for an alliance.

DISCUSSION RE THE PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE BUILDINGS

Bob spoke of an action plan to get HKT prepared to present drawings on our website. In discussion, the third sketch drawn up by HKT was preferable to the group for its depiction of the Fire and Police building. General consensus, however, was the failure of a welcoming civic presence for the community, a “look” for the public entrance on Pine Swamp Road. Chief Nikas referred the group to a visual of the Holden, MA facility. The Tisbury and Littleton recently built facilities were also brought up on Zoom for members to peruse.

Other recommendations by the committee were as follows:

- Two different surface walls on the exterior
- Variations in window size throughout the facility
- Because the entrance to the Public Safety building on PineSwamp Road must be seen from Linebrook Road, bring the building up tighter to Pine Swamp Road (which is not a busy street)
- Possibility of widening PineSwamp Road and diagonal parking at the Public Safety Facility rather than ample parking in front of the facility
- Reduction of acreage for parking on the whole site
- Flat roof is acceptable with solar panels

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Nikas moved, seconded by Peter, to approve Minutes of June 9, 2020. Roll call IN FAVOR: Nikas, Dziadose, Donahue, Polonsky, Alexson, Carlson, Schwartz, Jones, Fay, Weatherall, Emerson.

Linda moved, seconded by Paul, to approve Minutes of June 23, 2020. Roll call IN FAVOR: Nikas, Dziadose, Donahue, Polonsky, Alexson, Carlson, Schwartz, Jones, Fay, Weatherall, Emerson.

MEETING DATE

PSFC will meet next on August 4 on Zoom at 7 p.m. and in a frequent pattern until Town Meeting in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Nikas moved, seconded by Tammy, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Roll call IN FAVOR: Nikas, Dziadose, Donahue, Polonsky, Alexson, Carlson, Schwartz, Jones, Fay, Weatherall, Emerson.