

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL ROOM C
JUNE 15, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:06 with the following members present: H. Schwartz, D. Morris, T. Jones, R. Donahue, J. Fay, P. Dziadose, Fire Chief A. Theriault, C. Surpitski, and J. Emerson. Absent were: L. Alexson, Chief P. Nikas, and K. Carlson.

CITIZEN QUERIES

None.

REPORT ON OUTREACH

Bob reported coming away from Select Board and Finance Committee meeting conversations (early June) as engaged in conversation, and he felt real progress. Finance Committee members had read HKT's memorandum to Bob (dated 6/2/21) re Winthrop School Repurpose, and Mr. Schaaf indicated that the prospect of a public safety facility at the Winthrop site is not viable.

Bob reported on his visit with Mike Johnson and others to the new Beverly Police Station as energizing. The new facility has to be heated with electricity or with heat pumps. The group discussed the geo thermal method which could add 2% to the cost of the Ipswich building. Because the rules and circumstances have changed since this committee began its work and zero-carbon resolution has now been voted in, Tammy and Rob discussed giving it a forecast for savings. Jamie discussed information he had received during his Beverly Police tour with a "construction manager at risk" who would be selected at the beginning of the design process and who would work with the architect to figure out how to reach the money figure (the \$27 million in our case). There is interest to include Town Manager Marino in this type of conversation.

Chief Andy mentioned that Middleton (8900 population) has just approved, by town override vote, a \$61.7 million public facility including police, fire, and other Town buildings on donated town land. He mentioned that Lee Prentiss formally became the new Deputy Chief today.

When Bob strongly suggested that Ryan McShera, a professional architect who has moved out of town, be replaced on this committee, Rob recommended an Ipswich acquaintance, Rami Harb, an architect and OPM, to replace Ryan McShera. After discussion, Harvey moved, seconded by Dan, to accept Rob's recommendation that Rami Harb be appointed to PSFC. UNANIMOUS.

Jamie suggested having Mike Johnson and a friend of his who is like-minded with our project come to one of our meetings.

Discussion on a Public Action Committee (separate from the Public Safety Facility Committee) is needed as the next three months become extremely important to inform the public of the vote in October at Town Meeting. The HKT report is now on the Town's website and a link is going to be put on the blog with narrative from both Chiefs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Bob moved, seconded by Tammy, to approve PSFC Minutes of 5/25/21. UNANIMOUS.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. on June 30, inviting the Town Manager to attend. The Warrant Article request for the October Town Meeting (including the new heating number) will be discussed at that time. The Committee will meet every two weeks until the fall Town Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jamie moved, seconded by Tammy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. UNANIMOUS.