

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
via Zoom
October 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Weatherall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: R. Donahue, P. Polonsky, P. Dziadose, Chief P. Nikas, Chief A. Theriault, T. Jones, J. Fay, C. Surpitski, K. Carlson, H. Schwartz, and J. Emerson. R. McShera joined the meeting at 9 p.m. Linda Alexson was absent.

DISCUSSION ON UPDATED SCHEMATICS

Bob introduced Janet Slemenda of HKT and her engineer Andres Velandia who showed on Zoom the 9/11/2020 renderings of the site where wetlands take away about a dozen parking spaces at the rear of the Pine Swamp building. Three early conceptual designs of the buildings were offered with various optional colorings and types of finish (metal, brick, masonry). Significant grades exist from the Fire building down to the entrance to the Public Safety building. Parking along Pine Swamp Road has been eliminated from original renderings. Green roofs and solar paneling are depicted.

Members asked questions and offered opinions re the three renderings. Signage at the top of the buildings and at Linebrook Road was deemed imperative for citizens who are looking for the various components of Public Safety. The Public Safety building entrance needs to be brought forward toward the street.

Discussion centered on how much to show the Town Meeting attendees on October 17. Rob opined that, to win a 2/3 vote, PSFC needs to show that what we are presenting fits the needs and the site without being overwhelming at a cost of \$20 on an annual homeowner's taxes. Janet reminded that maintaining/repairing the old public safety facilities is expensive and not safe and urged the two Chiefs to speak at the Town Meeting.

Ryan joined the meeting at 9 p.m. and offered his feelings that a rendering to the public should be a sketch in black/white with shadow and with tree representations rather than more sophisticated renderings. Janet left the Zoom meeting at 9:28 p.m.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of a handout of facts to be distributed at Town Meeting ensued giving comparisons with Essex and Rowley public safety facilities and programs which Ipswich has and those two smaller communities don't have.

NEXT MEETING: The group will meet on October 13 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy moved, seconded by Rob, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Roll call IN FAVOR- K. Carlson, B. Weatherall, P. Dziadose, H. Schwartz, J. Fay, J. Emerson, R. Donahue, P. Polonsky, A. Theriault, R. McShera, P. Nikas, T. Jones, and C. Surpitski.

