

Princeton MA Public Safety Building Committee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021, 5:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

Members present: Ian Catlow, John Zimmatore, Carl Soderberg, David Crowley, Felicitas Fandreyer

Others present: Ricky Thebeau, Phil Ott

Others on-line: Holly Burgess, Linda Nash, Karen Cruise, Nathan Boudreau

The meeting began at 5:04 pm with a unanimous vote to accept the minutes from meetings 7/12/21 and 7/26/21. Mr. Catlow then opened the meeting for public comment at which time Ms. Nash asked about the impact the Sherriff's facility has on the holding cells. Mr. Thebeau advised that the option for using thoe holding cells at the Sheriff's facility is limited to males and non-intoxicated people.

Mr. Gott raised the question regarding the solar panels on the sketches and if they were included in the cost estimate, which they are not at this time. Mr. Zimmerman spoke about considering ways to reduce future operating costs, such as radiant heat and solar panels. Mr. Gott reports that the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) would also like to consider the same issues.

The review of spatial layouts began with Mr. Crowley asking if the EOC room would be available for public use. Mr. Thebeau replied that it would be available for limited public use. Mr. Gott asked about eliminating the need for air brakes which could eliminate the need of the air exhaust system and possibly the 3rd bay as this would mainly be used for the forest fire truck which isn't used in the winter. Ms. Cruise informed the committee of the need for the third bay and Mr. Catlow reported that the town has air exhaust systems. Mr. Soderberg reviewed the cost estimate with the soft costs of potential hazardous remediation and more, the administrative costs, and the hard costs of construction. He reported that the PSB committee scope allows for an influence over approximately 50% of the total costs of the project as there are contingency costs, escalation of costs, and fixed costs. Mr. Soderberg also mentioned that the proposed hazmat costs seem lean and there is no opportunity for cost reduction with hazmat costs. He feels that some communication with C&B would be valuable to determine what is needed and what exactly the town currently has available for reuse. One such example was the generator for the radio equipment which may or may not be able to be moved as the line of sight to Holden is requisite. He also reported that the Select Board was appraised of the secondary site and the recommendation was to investigate that site but to continue to move forward with the original plan. Mr. Catlow questioned whether it is beneficial to set up a subcommittee to investigate the alternative site pros and cons. Mr. Soderberg raised the question of how to secure the property without purchasing it, considering it might be equally restrictive for the PSB plans. Ultimately, it was decided to table the alternate site due to restrictions and unknown factors.

The conversation was then returned to the EOC along with the fitness room. Ms. Cruise advised of the ADA compliance requirements for the building. Ms. Nash made the point of air quality in the mezzanine if the fitness center is moved to that area. It was also noted that the locker rooms were for the firefighters versus simply for people using the fitness room. The two interview rooms will also have specific uses. Interview room 1 is a victim interview space while Interview room 2 is a space for videos, recording, and questioning suspects. The room for control/reports is not private and is for preparing nonsensitive reports. Mr. Zimmerman asked if the basement be used for some spaces. Mr. Catlow noted that there is likely rock underneath as well as PFAS contaminated ground water which would complicate making space down there. He also mentioned ADA compliance in regards to accessing that area.

A motion was made to have a subcommittee to review equipment specific line items in the cost estimate with the fire and police department supplies and identify opportunities for reuse and realistic cost amounts for new items to be purchased. It was later decided to have this conversation with the Chiefs at the next meeting.

A motion was made to identify a subcommittee of Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Crowley to create an out reach survey. This motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Mr. Ott will offer support with a contact with survey expertise.

A motion was placed to establish a subcommittee of Mr. Catlow and Ms. Fandreyer to investigate grant opportunities and a financing plan.

A tour of the Farmington New Hampshire Public Safety building facility for available members will be coordinated by Mr. Catlow. The next meeting will be held on August 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM. A motion to adjourned at 7:14 PM

Documents

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Building Costs 1
- 3) Building costs 2
- 4) Option B floor plan
- 5) Image of proposed alternate site

