

Princeton MA Public Safety Building Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2021  
5:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

Members present: Ian Catlow, Carl Soderberg,

Others present: Matthew Moncreaff, Phil Gott

On-line: Felicitas Fandreyer , Holly Burgess, Nathaniel Boudreau, Sherry Patch, Ricky Thebeau, John Bennett, John Zimmatore, Michele Powers, David Crowley

The meeting began at 5:03 pm with an opportunity for public comment which yielded none.

The minutes from the last 2 meetings were reviewed with some changes made.

Mr. Moncreaff reports that the surveys can be sent out with the census to save on postage costs. The idea of an online and hard copy survey was considered as an option for residents who prefer to access the survey in a manner easiest for them. The design of the online survey is specific for the answers given and the hard copy would need to reflect that algorithm.

Mr. Soderberg detailed the information in the Cost Reduction Memo Draft to be sent to C&B. The following issues were reviewed:

- Reductions in size of the building with the removal of the gym, bunk, Sargent's office
- construction methods to be considered in different areas i.e., ICF, prefab, stick framing
- finishes including less expensive choices for the back of the building in terms of trim and detail
- preserving the trail and adding signage for the trail and parking spaces reserved for trail users
- Fire Barn aesthetic, using Princeton Center Building for architectural inspiration. The presentation shows a number of barn type buildings. Mr. Gott of the Environmental Action Committee would like to consider having the building be built to be solar ready for future implementation of a solar system.
- General Cost Estimate Input and updated with
  - Vehicle exhaust evacuation system reuse
  - Generator reuse (determine if this is possible in regards to size)
  - FF&E- provide a more conservative number and itemize each item (determine what can be reused)

The subcommittee of Mr. Catlow and Mr. Soderberg will work directly with C&B on the Cost Reduction Draft Memo via a meeting. In addition, the informational results from C&B on the Farmington tour will be requested by them.

The next agenda item of Public Outreach will be tabled.

Project Financing/Grant Opportunities were discussed next. Mr. Soderberg noted that the Ashby, MA PSB was built for \$7.2 million and used a portion of an existing building. Mr. Catlow considered how best to secure funds from the State- whether the project needs to be shovel ready or if there is funding for design. Ms. Burgess reports that she had a conversation with Senator Anne Gobi about how a town goes about investing in the design of a PSB without knowing what the State will invest. Her takeaway was that

there is no guarantee what the State will offer for funding. Other factors in possible future funding include an override vote and a new Governor who may offer more funding for such a project.

Mr. Crowley gave a summary of the Central Mass Rural Caucus meeting he attended. He reports that recruiting for police officers is difficult for a number of reasons including poor facilities and retaining officers. There is talk of bridge training for part time officers to improve staffing numbers. There also may be a shift to regionalizing police departments in the future if needed. Mr. Moncreaff states that there is massive room for advancement in regionalized police departments but there is no plan to regionalize the police department or DPW. Ms. Burgess stated that a regionalized department would give more opportunities for advancement as that is what is seen in corporate America. Mr. Thebeau commented that Public Safety functions differently than corporate America and advancement can't be assumed to be parallel in the two types of institutions.

The next meeting will be held on 1/3/2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.