

Princeton MA Public Safety Building Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022
5:00 PM, Town Hall Annex

On-line: Ian Catlow, Carl Soderberg, Phil Gott, Felicitas Fandreyer , Holly Burgess, Nathaniel Boudreau, Sherry Patch, Ricky Thebeau, John Bennett, John Zimmatore, Michele Powers, David Crowley

The meeting began at 5:01 pm.

The discussion began regarding the Public Opinion Survey.

Mr. Zimmatore displayed the survey for all to see online. The plan was made to review each question. No comments were made for question 1.

The next questions were considered for their purpose and how to best understand the concerns of the citizens who will be taking this survey. It was voiced that a survey is not the place to advocate for the project. A discussion ensued regarding town concerns (such as PFAS, culverts, etc) and whether other concerns should be named or grouped as 'town concerns'.

Ms. Burgess informed the committee that the scope of PFAS soil remediation is not yet known and it could be the end of 2024 before that information is available.

More questions to be added will address how important it is for citizens to have a safe and healthy working environment for the public safety staff, investing more now to promote lower operating costs. Also, questions were considered to address the importance of the aesthetic of the building fitting with the historic character of the area.

It was decided to eliminate the question regarding the alternate site, strike the first question, and rearrange the remaining questions to separate the questions that check each other.

Ms. Burgess asked if regulations would allow a simple barn structure. It was advised that standard of care requires certain elements such as decontamination areas, etc for staff.

The link for the survey will be sent to Mr. Boudreau who would like the link and the QR code. It was noted by Mr. Zimmatore that Survey Monkey uses cookies to avoid duplicate surveys.

Attachment: survey

Survey to be administered via web-based survey application (Survey Monkey or similar)

1. Did you take the Public Safety Building survey in March, 2021? Y___ N___
2. How many people currently live in your household? Adults___ Children___
3. Have you taken a tour of the existing Public Safety Facilities? Y___ N___
4. Do you believe that Princeton needs a new Public Safety Building? Y___ N___

<If response = Yes , show additional questions, otherwise exit to Thank You Page>

5. How much do you believe is reasonable for the town to spend on a new Public Safety Building?

< \$5M	\$5M - \$6M	\$6M - \$7M	\$7M - \$8M	\$8M- \$9M
\$9M - \$10M	\$10M - \$11M	>\$11M		

6. How much additional property tax per year would be reasonable for a household to pay to fund a new Public Safety Building?

\$300 - \$400	\$401 - \$500	\$501 - \$600	\$601 - \$700
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7. Do you have any additional comments?

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