

Public Safety Committee Building Committee

Mission

The mission of the Public Safety Building Committee, in collaboration with other Town bodies, is to advise the Town as to the provision of a modern police and fire building that is safe, functional, environmentally sustainable, and economical for the present and future needs of the Town.

Members

The Committee shall consist of up to 5 members consisting of at least 1 representative of the Facilities Steering Committee (FSC I or II) and 4 at-large representatives of the community, each with professional backgrounds and qualifications consistent with those needed for design and construction or financing of a municipal public safety facility in Massachusetts. The Police Chief, Fire Chief, and any other town employees (regardless of residency) will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members. Non-voting liaisons will be appointed from the Selectboard and Advisory Committee.

Responsibilities

This public committee will work with Caolo & Bieniek (C&B) on reducing the cost of the design referred to as Option B without reducing the long-term effectiveness of the building.

Committee members will engage in a detailed assessment of public input and ultimately make recommendations to the Town regarding any plans or approaches to address current and future needs including:

- Confirmation/Identification of operational needs
- Focus on a single site for a combined facility to be located at Princeton Center School
- Conduct public outreach to communicate project needs/requirements, conceptual designs, and costs as well as solicit feedback on the preceding.
- Budget to have C&B revise Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) estimate based on the group's internal deliberations.
- Budget to have C&B revise the conceptual floor plan/rendering based on group's internal deliberations.
- Provide recommendation to SB and AC regarding preferred design alternative and cost.

The committee will keep residents informed of their work through a series of information sessions and other communication methods so that voters understand what they will be voting on and why.

The committee will engage early and often with the SB and AC to ensure that all members of both boards/committees can stand behind the design recommended to and approved by the SB.

Timeline

The Committee shall report their findings and recommendations to the Selectboard by September 30, 2021.