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Police Building Committee
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Police Building Committee
July 28, 2021

1. Call to Order: Chairmen Victor Mitchell called the scheduled July 28, 2021, Police Building Committee Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Chairman Victor Mitchell, Committee Member/Fire Chief Mark Sekorski, Committee Member Ann Marie Rheault, Committee Member/Officer Christopher Latimer and Committee Member/Captain Ed Benecchi. Also present: Mayor David Merchant, Councilwoman Liaison Susan Murawski, Police Chief Karen Krasicky and Sergeant John D’Aniello.

2. Fire Exit Notifications:
Chairman Victor Mitchell made note of the fire exits.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:
Chairman Victor Mitchell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes dated May 26, 2021
A motion was made by Committee Member/Fire Chief Mark Sekorski, seconded by Committee Member/Officer Christopher Latimer to approve the minutes of May 26, 2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

5. New Business:
a. Discuss and take action on developing and marketing of project
Mayor Merchant gave an update regarding the State budget. The town asked for \$15,000,000.00 to build the new police station. He thanked Representative John Piscopo who helped with this. The subcommittee asked for \$10,000,000.00 which was approved by the House and Senate. There was a bonding meeting in July. He talked to Senator Martin today and the bond meeting will be in September or next March. The Mayor stated that there are no guarantees that we will get the money. The Mayor had a letter hand delivered to the Governor and the OPM secretary inviting them to tour the police station. He would like Chief Krasicky to send a letter to the governor. The Commission will send a letter to invite the Governor to tour the police station.

The Mayor needs to redo the voice over on the video and it will be complete. Once the video is done, it will be posted on the website.

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A discussion took place about the referendum process. The entire cost of the project will be listed and then the money from the State gets credited towards the amount.

Committee Member/Captain Ed Benecchi stated he feels that the Committee can't move forward until we hear from the State but would like to still educate the public and give tours of the station.

6. Public Comment:

Ashley Gervais, 34 North Riverside Avenue – Ms. Gervais stated that she has concerns for the proposed plans. She does support the police. She comes from a family of police in Massachusetts. The proposed police station will affect property values, drainage, pollution and is worried about the parking lot. Would like to see everything before it is approved. She distributed pictures to the Committee. She feels having the police station in her back yard is a privacy concern. If the police station is built there, she will be forced to turn her apartments into Section 8. She would like to work with the Committee.

Chairman Mitchell stated the lights are away from the neighbors. The property drains well. There is no concern with runoff on the property. He stated there is no final design yet. Meetings are opened to the public.

Sarah Johnson, 36 North Riverside Avenue – Ms. Johnson stated she backs what Ashley said. Can hear everything from her back yard at the skate park.

Bonnie Bellemare, 32 North Riverside Avenue – Ms. Bellemare stated her property has the field in her back yard. She supports the new police station but doesn't support the location of it. She does not like that the skate park is back there. She can hear the sirens at shift change.

Chairman Mitchell invited them to come to meetings.

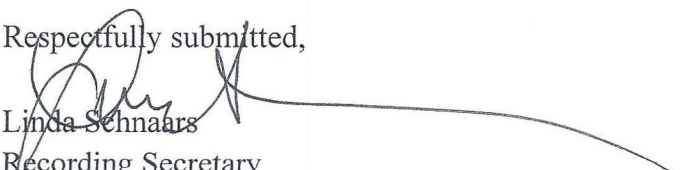
7. Committee Member Comments: None

Next meeting: August 25, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Police Building Committee, a motion was made by Committee Member Ann Marie Rheault, seconded by Committee Member/Fire Chief Mark Sekorski to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Schnaars
Recording Secretary