

Joint Meeting  
Public Safety Facilities Task Force  
&  
Municipal Facilities Committee  
Minutes  
March 28, 2022  
9:00 am  
Zoom Remote Access

Members in attendance: Christine Lear, Jerry Lerman, Bill Risso, Lee Storrs, Ingo Szegvari  
Members not in attendance:

Others in attendance: Police Chief John Fisher, Fire Chief Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows, Mosquito reporter Cynthia Sorn

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM March 28, 2022
- II. No minutes to approve.
- III. Open discussion with next steps. Repair vs new buildings. How to proceed. PSFTF charter is to define our needs and to recommend a solution.

Jerry Lerman suggests getting architect Stew Roberts to help with structure and new cost analysis as he was involved with the previous police building renovation estimate.

Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows discusses we know what we have and what we need. We have identified the problem, now we need to define the solution. Police station not fixable. Look at fixing fire station, new police building or a combined facility.

John Fisher is asked to give a summary again of the police station. Comprehensive reports are available to the public. Current long-term repairs around \$350,000 do not address the overall problems with the police station. Better off putting this money towards a new facility. Police department building currently is not law compliant and not accredited.

Open discussion on police building and property. Current location is just too small. Not functional. Consensus is that current police building, and site are not appropriate for any long-term use.

Christine Lear mentions if police leave current building our group needs to come up with suggested uses for the property. Where should we look for a new site for the police station. Christine Lear moves to have an executive session from 9-9:30 am at our next meeting on April 11, 2022, to discuss possible private properties for new police station location.

Christine Lear asks Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows for a review of fire department. Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows starts with the building was built in 1986 and at the time designed for a second floor. What can we do today? We should have an architect or professional who could assess the current fire station in today's building codes. This professional would look at the needs of the fire department and show how to implement on the current building with cost estimates. This will allow us to see next steps for the fire department.

The PSFTF is reaching out to the architect Stew Roberts to join our next meeting.

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Lee Storrs suggest we look into state property in town. One site has particular interest for new police station. Open discussion thinks this is a good idea. Although time frame is uncertain and could go on for decades.

Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows offers to make first contact with a person he knows who works at the state property.

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Lee Storrs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 am , Bill Risso seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor: All say aye

PSTFT Documents area available through the town website or at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kgTJDWtzyoV6BejpL8H8424J2QZd3aHj>

Submitted by Ingo Szegvari

Approved: Unanimously approved on April 25, 2022