

Joint Meeting
Public Safety Facilities Task Force
&
Municipal Facilities Committee
Minutes
May 9, 2022
9:00 am
Nickles Room, Carlisle Town Hall

Members in attendance: Christine Lear, Jerry Lerman, Bill Risso, Lee Storrs, Ingo Szegvari

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

- I. Call to Order at 9:09 am.
- II. Vote to approve minutes from previous meeting April 25, 2022. Lee 1st and Ingo 2nd. All in favor.
- III. Fire Station site walk with Sylvia Willard: Review and discussion: Behind existing tents on asphalt is current antenna location and a small hill of ledge. Current building has egress around back of building deemed to be important for circular driving for fire truck access to parking bays. Left side of fire station there is a drop off that could be filled in and maintain access to the fire station well. Filling in would give access to the adjacent property with pavement such as driveway or access road. Right side of fire station could have more parking created. Extra parking could be for fire station, COA, trailers, town hall parking, etc. This would free up some space at town hall. Directly behind fire station there is ledge that could be built upon by moving the antenna and removing some ledge. Will need to assess if there is enough square footage created for the needs of the fire or police stations. Behind fire station is the well for the town hall which has some restrictions as to how close you can build to it. Connecting to Conant land behind fire station is problematic. Continued walking around town hall and back into Conant land. Existing septic system, well heads, streams, wetlands, and uneven landscape seem to make the space difficult for access and construction of new roads, buildings, septic etc.
- IV. State owned site update: Lehrer is the right person to ask the state for now. For new building site or temporary fire station location. Letter will go out from select board for land swap, temp use, or lease.
- V. Other updates: Focus on fire in center. Combined facility we possibly do not need to buy land? Need to define over all land footprint available for future buildings. Then combined with the calculated needs of current needs to make a decision on location. Affordable housing surveyed Conant land by housing authority in 2000. Look for survey as town has already paid for land engineering. We need current building assessment for code compliance. Get cost for evaluating current buildings by structural engineer. Need code for specific program space in buildings. Fire station: when will full time happen? 10yrs or 50yrs? Discuss volunteer to fulltime transition. More people are working remotely. Workspace in fire department for volunteers to be onsite. Possibly Highland as a workspace only for fire volunteer fire fighters to be close to fire house. No sleeping in Highland. New fire station 5-10 sleep or 3 minimum for one truck at fire station for life saving shorter response time. Provide infrastructure for future bunkroom which will support teamwork and rest. At design we can figure out space needs. Volunteers for now is working. Future uncertain. Prepare for future needs 50 years out for full time is coming. Carlisle has no public pressurized water supply, and all trucks carry water with them. Takes 5 years of training to be able to run pumps on fire trucks. Dover-Sherborn in our same situation. Fire chief and police chief know others by town size in same situation and have a good understanding of current situation. 50-year plan is a solid concept. Carlisle texture will not change. Some growth and older population will need good services. New buildings should be Brick and mortar for histori-

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cal longevity. Regionalization for police in small towns is not a good idea, you lose police force understanding for local and community nuances. Jerry and Christine will update select board.

Regionalization looking into on many fronts. Could be around \$200,000 of savings to not have 24/7 dispatch in Carlisle. Current Carlisle dispatch is knowledgeable, personable, and understands Carlisle's streets and residents. They understand the 1st and 2nd amendment rights of our residents. Dispatchers are trained on data and call type of response. There is a physical place to go 24/7 in town for physical security, medical emergency, and response time! Current dispatchers know the town, support each other, and keep the schedule working for a 24/7 work force. Townsend went regionalization and they would like to go back to dispatch being only in town. We are already in a 63-town regionalization for domestic violence, drugs, dog search and rescue, swat, school safety, etc. Our dispatch already helps other towns when they are backed up. Police chief John Fisher is a supporter and leader in many regionalized programs that support Carlisle and Massachusetts.

Police station: Go up and out? Build second floor cantilevered over first floor for more space? Gut and redo police station? Elevator from sally port to first floor? Evaluate the price for an elevator. Remodel the building? New state law to be accredited. Current issues sally port, evidence locker, officer lockers, bathrooms, and kitchen. For elevator, can we design around? Last renovation plans to push back building, still tight inside. Police station is property tight. No elevator a ranch style is better. This is what most towns are doing.

For Stew: What does Fire and police station need? Site plan fire station. Fire station, ranch police, combined, or adjacent?

Re-purpose fire station for COA will need building commissioner input for changes. Seismic rebar concerns for any use of existing fire station future. Any change of use will need building assessment.

One of police stations needs is more parking so they can build on existing site. Can we use Carlisle center park for police needs?

VI. Public Comments: None

VII. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53, Lee seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Submitted by Ingo Szegvari

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