

Public Safety Facilities Task Force  
Minutes  
August 16, 2022  
9:30 am  
Zoom Meeting

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

Members not in attendance: Lee Storrs

Others in attendance: Police Chief John Fisher, Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows, Mosquito reporter Cynthia Sorn, John Ballantine, Affordable Housing Trust Kate Reid, Carlisle Sustainability Coordinator Sue Thomas

- I. Call to Order at 9:32 am.
- II. Vote to approve minutes from meetings May 9 and July 29 ,2022. Jerry Lerman 1<sup>st</sup> and Ingo Szegvari 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- III. Presentation by Kate Reid from Affordable Housing Trust: Housing Trust has compiled data on current Carlisle owned land which is build ready and on future land that could become Carlisle owned. Kate Reid presented tables and maps showing the lands available listed by size. These lands could possibly be used for public safety building sites. The list has 10 properties. Property listed #2 town has right of first refusal, so town does not own it yet. There is 60 acres chapter land next to Conant available. While looking at this property comments were made that there are other properties on Lowell Street that can also connect to Conant land. Conant land has some accessibility issues. Next property is Center Park across from police station. Next property is Gage Woodland. This property is land locked. There is an easement for AT&T access. Other neighbors could possibly give an easement for access. Could we trade Gage Woodland with the State for State owned property? How would we approach the state? Next 4 properties are a cluster near the intersection of Rutland and North Road. Not good for public safety buildings. Next property is Bisbee Field. Restrictions? Large property but far from center. Site for multi-purpose building? Look at purchase agreement for any restrictions. Other places in town? Banta Davis (community center or COA)? Kate Reid ended her presentation. Thanks for compiling the land use data for housing which could also be used for public safety buildings.
- IV. Open discussion: access to Conant? Would be ideal to keep police in center of town for public emergency access. Need to find out if any restrictions on Bisbee. Prioritize properties for possible needs in short or long term. Be ready to act on properties with a plan in place. Which properties are feasible for our public safety building task force? Look into walking the Gage Woodland. Access through the state property on Lowell Road. Schedule a walk on August 23 and ask for permission to access via state land. Post office property is private. Owned by an equity trust and post office leases the land. Center Park used for police would divide the police station in two. It can work in short term but is it a 50-year solution for space needs. Police would like to stay in the center. Having police outside of center works but not ideal. Use center park can keep police in center. Maybe a 10–20-year solution but not a 50+. Could wait for neighbors of the police station to sell? No decisions are being made at this time. We are just trying to look at all options today and in the future that could help guide current situation, to be fully open for future. Looking at the parcel maps Kate Reid supplied earlier, properties 55, 65,73 and 125 could help with police station or access to Conant. Properties were identified as 55 Lowell Street, 65 Lowell Street and 175 Lowell Street as potential future interest. These properties are private lands and we are only discussing them for long term possibilities if they were ever to become available. Could these properties even work? Christine Lear

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will reach out to these property owners to let them know that their properties were part of this overall discussion.

- V. Sue Thomas Carlisle Sustainability Coordinator introduced herself. Is interested in participating as possible decisions for location and construction that could support sustainability.
- VI. Bill Risso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24, Jerry Lerman seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Submitted by Ingo Szegvari

Approved on August 30, 2022