



**Town of Plaistow
Public Safety Complex
Building Committee**
27 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH 03865



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE INFORMAL NOTES

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 8, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

PRESENT: *Chief Kathleen Jones, Chair, Chief John McArdle, Vice-Chairman; Sean Fitzgerald, Town Manager; Tammy Bergeron, Selectman; Pat Schiavone, Detective; John Sherman, Selectman; Bill Query; Dennis Heffernan; Mike Dorman; Dan Poliquin; Barbara Kiszka*

ABSENT: *William Baldwin*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

K. Jones begins by inquiring if everyone understands how we got to the \$8.5 million.

B. Query was not aware of that.

K. Jones states it was mostly due to changes in site work. A reduction of some of the site work such as the access road and parking lot were adjusted. Also we will have some savings on wages because the original figure was based on Massachusetts wages and NH wages tend to be lower. Some residents are upset about spending money on an Owners Project Manager (OPM) and Contract Manager (CM) though the money for these came from impact fees and not taxpayers.

By hiring an OPM and CM we are actually saving money in the long run. As far as materials go there will be some give and take. We can go with concrete wall on the outside and use drywall on the inside.

J. Sherman recommends we have a slide showing the difference between the \$11 million and the \$8.5 million to point out the differences. He also suggests a slide showing how the OPM and CM were paid with impact fees. These slides should help everyone understand how we went from 11 to 8.5 million.

B. Kiszka recommends we do a slide on how much more it will cost taxpayers if we wait another year to pass this warrant article due to the impact of higher interest rates.

S. Fitzgerald states we would have to be very careful on how this is worded as we cannot predict the probable change of interest rates. He will work on this and try to come up with something that will work.

D. Poliquin mentions we will be voting on this in a few months. What is being done to promote it and get the word out.

The big push will come in January through March with a lot of public engagement. Flyers, posters the web site and Face Book will all have great information.

T. Bergeron and J. Sherman agree that an updated pie chart is needed for the slide presentation and a breakdown of how property taxes will be impacted. A cable show promoting the warrant article should also be completed.

Residents need to focus on learning the deficiencies of the current building.

B. Query recommends getting some select citizens to endorse the new building.

T. Bergeron states we should have signs available for residents who want one on their property.

S. Fitzgerald mentions staff cannot campaign for this and they must be careful of electioneering. It is all right to answer questions and support the effort off the job. For example the Police Association can advocate for this. Elected Officials and community members can campaign for it too.

J. Sherman inquires if anyone knows how the citizens for a better Plaistow feel about the project and the life expectancy of the new building.

J. McArdle state the life expectancy is 25 to 30 years. No one has heard negative comments from the citizens for a better Plaistow.

Discussion ensues regarding the different types of calls both the Police and Fire Department now get and how the response to these calls have increase in time and paperwork.

We should be prepared to respond to questions about other communities that recently build a Fire Station such as North Andover. They did it for 4.5 million. However a Police Department Building is more costly than a Fire Station.

B. Kiszka inquires if anyone will be attending the next Board of Selectmen meeting to speak about the new complex.

The meeting is adjourned with the committee in agreement of what needs to be done to promote the passage of this warrant article.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack
Recording Secretary