

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2013 6 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

TOWN HALL – AUDITORIUM

Chairman Austin Knight convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, John Santos, David McChesney and Erik Yingling

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn and Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

Recorder: David Gardner

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1. JOINT PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE POLICE STATION PROJECT

Building Committee members attending: Chair Thomas Coen, Donald Murphy, Leif Hamnquist and Kevin Shea.

Excused Absence: Richard Murray and Sheila McGuinness

Building Committee provided an update to the Selectmen on the Police Station Project.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Snow (letter) – place Police Station in discontinued 2 of the 4 lanes on Route 6 between Shank Painter and Herring Cove.

Brian M. DeLaurentis – police staffing in Provincetown is too great, we should reduce the size of the force to reduce construction cost.

John Donovan – abutters to the proposed police station. Concerned about the proposed size, scale and cost of the police station. Would like an engineering study to document existing conditions on the neighboring condos. Traffic Study impact to roads, pedestrians and bike trails. Project Liaison during construction. Buffer between the properties. Concern about lighting.

Rachel White – Been here a long time, need to move forward with the project. Neighbors need to understand that they bought and developed property next to the highway garage and now they complain about the uses on the property. I trust in the Building Committee and the work they are doing.

Paul Kelly – for both DPW and police station. Concerned about the size of the police station. Thinks DPW needs a new highway garage as the facilities are lacking. Cost will be too great. Should combine both projects into one phase and reduce cost.

Kaitlin Davis – concerned about the location and the response time. Can't afford increase in taxes and additional burdens on taxpayers. Concerned about adjacent wetlands to the DPW site.

Jennifer Cabral – Price tag is too high and might not pass town meeting. Should revisit the Shank Painter site as the best site.

Michael Rogovsky – Surprised people still fail to understand the seriousness of this situation and the degree to which we have studied this project.

Michelle Genova – Feels the police station is too large and the location should not be across the

highway.

Catherine Russo – Feels the building committee and Selectmen have not been listening.

Rob Jason – Thinks the current site is best. Police station as proposed is too large.

Building Committee

Tom Coen - We came upon the size of the proposed station from the bottom up, by looking at the existing staffing requirements of the police station and current accepted standards for new police stations. It is the Building Committee's mission to do the work and make a recommendation as to the needs of the police stations. If the community does not support that and would like to reduce the size or cost of the building that is fine, but that's for others to do.

Kevin Shea – was also a skeptic in the beginning of the process. New police stations are more complex buildings than other types of development or uses. We looked at other police stations recently developed and considered the proposed building based on the specific needs of the police function.

Don Murphy – Start the process by understanding the requirements. We have worked from the basics. I think many people have sticker shock.

Leif Hamnquist – Current site is inadequate, located in the flood zone and filled wetland. Circulation is critical on a police station site and the Shank Painter site is not economical to meet the circulation needs of a public safety facility.

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David McChesney – Why did we add 17 additional parking spaces? Traffic study and mitigation for adjacent properties. How do we pay for it? Proceeds from sale of properties should offset the cost of the police station. Any new revenues need to go to offset the cost of the police station.

Erik Yingling – Concerned that the public can't support this project. Can't support the current price tag. Can't support the proposed location. Support renovation at the current site. Need to decide what makes sense for our community. Two primary concerns: cost and location.

Elaine Anderson – Building Committee visited new police stations and has a good understanding of size and needs for the police department. People need to understand the information and read all the materials to understand the proposal.

John Santos – Concerned about the siting of the police station. Concerned about the operational needs of the DPW in the future if the police station is built on the site.

Austin Knight – Many other towns are dealing with the same thing we are, failing infrastructures and outdated police stations. Town has existing liabilities with the current station; we will need to do something. We need to build a station that is up to code and will serve the public for years to come.

3. OTHER - None

Motion to adjourn by at 8:15 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
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