

# MEETING MINUTES

## TUFTONBORO PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

### JANUARY 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at the Old Town House at 7:05 PM by Chairman Pike.

PRESENT: Members Eaton, Evans, Frago, LaPolla, Pike and Young

ABSENT: Members Knapp and Lawton

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Shagoury and Fire Chief Thompson arrived at 7:30 PM

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

All members and the Chiefs had copies of the preliminary plans prepared by Designer Steve Finkle, showing options for a combined Police/Fire facility on the Dearborn property, or just a Fire facility on that property and an expanded Police Dept. in its present location at the Town offices.

Chairman Pike opened the meeting by stating that he had attended the Selectmen's meeting earlier this day, and reported to them that the Committee will present the options shown on the plans, as described above, plus an option to do nothing at this time. He gave them cost estimates for each of the plan options, developed by a cost per square foot method from BiYand Construction Corporation. Expanding the Police Dept. at its present location per the plans was estimated at \$200K-\$250K. The estimate for a combined facility on the Dearborn property was \$1.5M-\$2.1M. The estimates DO NOT include site work, septic, well, or costs to equip and outfit the building, which would add substantially to the cost. No separate estimate was given for a stand-alone Fire Facility. No estimate was presented on the cost of "doing nothing", although this will still entail bringing the existing facilities up to certain minimum standards. The Selectmen would like the plan presented to the public before Town Meeting, but it will not be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Chairman also noted that we have spent \$3K of our \$10K budget, and that, per Chairman Selectman Bill Stockman, this money will be available until Town Meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to the Chiefs for comments on the plans.

Chief Shagoury: There is no point in discussing these plans. It can't be done by expanding at the Town Offices. You can't build back into the cemetery, and there's not enough floor space in the proposed expansion. In the new combined facility, the rooms, closets, doorway openings etc. assigned to the Police Dept. are all too small. The Evidence Room and Armory cannot be in the same room. The designer did not meet with the Chiefs long enough, and did not incorporate their requirements. The Chief gave the Committee several sheets of comments and proposals. Chief Shagoury would be against either of the plan options as currently drawn, and would rather stay with what he has than accept the preliminary proposed designs as presently drawn.

The Committee discussed expanding out into the new Town Gardens area instead. Chairman Pike will talk with Bill Stockman about this.

Chief Thompson: The Fire Station Only design can be made to work with some changes. The Dearborn property is not the best because of its limited usable space. The rear parking lot would have to be expanded, with no parking along the edges, to allow room for the trucks to turn and back into the bays. We still need to address the backup Generator, stored water cistern, sprinkler system, and other items not included. The Chief gave the Committee a list of his proposed changes.

The Committee and the Chiefs then discussed various points and questions: Is a scissor-lift elevator legal? Would it be better to build the proposed new facility on the Gould property, where there is more room, and room for expansion? Is there a plat map of this property we could look at? Storage, storage, storage: Both Chiefs want more of it. Will the Library building become available for a possible Police Station (that has not been decided yet).

At the suggestion of Chairman Pike, the Chiefs will meet directly again with the Designer to review the necessary changes. Dave Eaton will approach the Selectmen about expanding into the Town Gardens and/or use of the Gould Property. Chairman Pike will inform the Committee of any answers by email.

It was decided the next meeting should be after the redrawing, and Chairman Pike will schedule it after that's done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Tom Young  
Committee Member