

MINUTES

Of the August 19, 2009 meeting of the Tuftonboro Public Safety Facilities Committee, at
The Old Town House

Chairman Lapolla called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Members Evans, Frago, Knapp, Lapolla, and Young. Dave Eaton arrived part way through the meeting.

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Shagoury

The minutes of the previous meeting (July 30, 2009) were revised to reflect the correct estimated attendance (50-55) and add more information about how the meeting was advertised. The minutes were then moved and approved.

The Committee discussed the previous meeting, a presentation of the options to the Public. Attendance was disappointing. Both chiefs wanted to be sure we understood they are not against a combined facility, but felt that the footprint the committee used for the combined facility would be too crowded. It seemed the audience had more "library supporters", rather than people interested in learning about the Fire and Police Dept. options. The informal ballot tally was as follows:

Option	First choice	Second choice
Combined Police and Fire building	12	1
Fire Dept. Only	27	8
Expand PD in existing location	6	9
Separate new Police and Fire Buildings	11	5
Do nothing (write in comment)	4	0

Could Property or Dearborn Property?

Gould	20	3
Dearborn	16	9
Don't care (write in Comment)	19	

It is hard to draw conclusions from the ballots. A new Fire Dept. only was the one choice to get a majority vote. Several written comments centered around the Library, and others said "Don't spend money now" or "Do nothing". A study of the Library was not part of what this committee was asked to do, nor was it part of the presentation.

Chairman Lapolla showed a copy of a concept for a new Police Dept. in Center Harbor. This is currently out to bid, so there are no cost estimates. Chief Shagoury had previously obtained this copy, and had previously given it to the Selectmen (who later gave it to Lapolla). The concept has 5460 sq. ft. of space, plus a 2 bay "Sally Port". The

Chief noted that Center Harbor has a smaller population than Tuftonboro. The committee discussed this briefly, noting that the Chief had originally asked for just 2700 sq. ft., and that it is too late in the process to change our options and concepts now. The Selectmen have the Center Harbor concept, and can incorporate all or parts of it if they choose after our final report.

The committee then planned its Final Report to the Selectmen. Two options will be presented, and it will emphasize that the over-riding considerations of the study were to meet absolute needs at a low cost the public would approve. The Final Report will be prepared and sent for review by the members. Target date to present it to the Selectmen is August 31, 2009. If the committee needs to discuss the report prior to submittal, an additional meeting will have to be scheduled prior to that date.

Adjournment was moved and approved at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted;
Tom Young
Committee Secretary