

Town of Newbury

Police Department Renovation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 23, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Attendance: Polly Lowe, Russ Smith, Bob Wilkonski ,Dick Wright, Brad Wheeler, Scott Wheeler, Hank Thomas, and Peter Tennant- architect, and Dennis Pavlicek-town administrator.

There were several members of the public present including Ken Holmes, Nonie Rynders, Josh Fisher, and Deb Lacombe. Peter started out by reviewing current building design concepts and presenting one new concept introduced at the last meeting. That concept was to renovate the old fire station area into the new police department. This would leave the police dept. to continue operations in the existing station until the new station is built next door. .It was stated that there is \$240,000 in grant money that could be used for the project and maybe break up construction over time to avoid going for a bond for the project.

Numerous discussions ensued regarding the layout of different rooms and their placement .Of particular concern were the sally port locations and adjoining potential lock-up for prisoners . Brad expressed concerns over costs for the project and also a larger storage area for records. Bob had several questions on actual layout for the many rooms and spaces proposed. Scott had concerns about no partitions between the two sally ports and it was expressed that a partition would not allow for the safe handling of prisoners.

There was discussion on radiant floor heat and its additional cost to the project.

North Branch representative gave an estimate of \$830,000 for the renovation of fire station area into a police station.

There were numerous comments about cost and timeline to completion from the public.

Ken Holmes expressed that any design of the building needs some kind of enhancement for it to match the other town buildings. Discussion followed about a cupola and its cost and an entry or foyer that stands out from the existing building. Those ideas to be presented by Peter at the next meeting in the town office Dec.! at 4:30 pm.