

Town of Newbury

Police Department Renovation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Attendance: Russ Smith, Bob Wilkonski, Dick Wright, Brad Wheeler, Deb Lacombe, Hank Thomas, and Peter Tennant-architect, Aaron Sparks, Josh Fisher, Tom Hannon, and Dennis Pavlicek-town administrator. Absent: Polly Lowe and Scott Wheeler.

Peter Tennant presented 2 new plan concepts, with major changes being adding a locker room and bathrooms with showers and a new location for the evidence room. Peter also showed a conceptual site plan for parking and landscaping.

Peter also stressed that if what he has presented is close to a final concept, it can be modified through the design process. He also felt that the front design of the building is what people will look at, and hopefully like.

Tom from North Branch felt the changes to the front of the building would raise the cost to \$940,000 overall. Peter stressed that this was just for construction costs and you would have to add 15% to 20% for engineering and architect costs that would bring the total to \$1,155,000

Dennis stated we have a \$250,000 grant to apply to the project that would decrease the cost of a bond. He also stated that the library bond will appear on the warrant first as it is a larger amount.

There was much discussion about the evidence room and its location and the need for more record storage space. There was also many other questions about room layout and location.

Dennis suggested a public hearing in the first part of January.

Bob said we should make sure to present one final proposal over several options.

Peter stated that he can present the design, but there needs to be someone else to describe the project and the need for it.

There was a series of recommendations for a final design to Peter for the next meeting. Those included eliminating the training room door into the unused part of the building, enlarge the interview room, relocate a kitchenette, and enlarge the sally port area into the evidence room.

Nonie expressed her concern that the town needs the police dept renovation as did Bob and Josh.

Brad talked about the growth of the town and how this has increased the need for more services provided by the police

department. Brad also expressed that most serious calls are for non-residents or visitors to the town.

Next meeting on Dec 8 at 4:30 in the town office