

Safety Services Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 09, 2013

A meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee was held on Wednesday October 09, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno (Selectman), Dawn Steele (Resident), Jeff Woodward (Resident), John Monaghan (Police Chief), and Facilitator Deb Maes.

Guests were Roger Odell (Fire Department),

The meeting was called to order by Bob Montagno.

The minutes of September 25, 2013 were reviewed and accepted.

The Safety Services Building Project was reviewed. The Safety Services Building Warrant Article from the 2013 Town Meeting Ballot was distributed and discussed. The question was asked in 2013 “ Do you support your Board of Selectmen and Chiefs of Fire, Police and Life Squad in development of a the comprehensive plan for the construction of a new/renovated safety services building at its present location?”

It is interpretive that “this coming year” is from Town Meeting 2013 to Town Meeting 2014.

There will be a public meeting in December to present the Safety Services Building Project.

The project objective was reviewed. The objective is: Have an improved Safety Services Facility that meets the community needs now and in the future that taxpayers/community will support.

The project goals and tasks were reviewed and discussed. There is not anything else that the Community would like to add to this list of goals and tasks. The Town does not expect any major growth over the next several years.

A timeline has been established and the committee feels this is not unreasonable to accomplish. The project will be put out to bid after Town Meeting if it’s acceptable.

An updated sight plan was given out and discussed. Chief John Monaghan has several questions regarding the location of the building and the layout. The committee must keep in mind that this is just a preliminary drawing. The committee does encourage each department to get what you need now and not look back in the future. There is not expected to be much room upstairs for storage in the new building. We are currently looking at a single story building. The rooms inside the building can be adjusted once the size of the building is confirmed.

The implications of the previous project plans were discussed. A new building will have to be justified. It has been voted down twice to renovate the current building. Bill Campbell had a plan outlined and had done a study on all the buildings in town. The study shows it is not cost effective to renovate the current building. John Monaghan has Mr. Campbell's blueprints if anybody wants to review them.

When we get a ballpark price for a rebuild we should also have a ballpark price to renovate even though the committee feels this is not an option. Provan & Lorber will also be able to come up with a list of deficiencies within the building.

There does not seem to be any value for the Committee to visit other Safety Services Buildings in the area.

The proposal from Provan & Lorber will be discussed further on October 16, 2013 at 1pm at the Town Hall.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne MacDonald
Safety Services Building Committee - Secretary