

Public Safety Building Committee Meeting 8/15/16 Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present: Dave Bowles, Penny Colby, Rich Colcord, Martin Frank, Jim Hidden, Daniel Poirier, John Roberts

Steve Gray was in also attendance as a member of the public.

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by John Roberts

Moved and seconded to elect Chief Colcord as Committee Chair, motion passed.

Moved and seconded to elect Martin Frank as Committee Secretary, motion passed.

Committee members spent the rest of the meeting discussing various aspects of the current Public Safety building and a possible replacement.

The committee members familiar with the current building agreed that it is inadequate for current and future needs and should be replaced.

The committee members familiar with the current site agreed it is not adequate to accommodate a new Public Safety building and associated activities such as training due to its size and topography.

Committee members agreed that before a plan to replace the current building can be presented to the voters the committee will need to document why the current building is not adequate and consider alternatives for replacement.

Several nearby communities have constructed new public safety buildings in recent years. Committee members agreed it would be useful to arrange to visit some of these to see what had been done and consider in relation to Tamworth's needs.

Committee members agreed that factors to address include:

What entities will be housed in a replacement building – Fire Dept, Rescue, Police Dept?

Identification of alternative sites. Location of building is important in relation to other FD stations in town and relevant to residents' insurance costs.

Size and configuration of a replacement structure for current needs and associated site work required.

Consideration of long term needs/usage.

Committee members agreed it is worthwhile to discuss the project in general terms with one or more consultants experienced with public safety buildings and infrastructure. This would only be done on a no-cost basis. If the committee decides it would be advantageous to hire a consultant to help develop a proposal for a new building an article for that contract will have to be placed on the town warrant and approved by the voters.

Chief Colcord will contact a consultant he is familiar with to see if they would be willing/able to attend the next committee meeting.

Martin Frank will meet with Chief Colcord to obtain information about the current facility and create documentation related to the site, building and adequacy factors for the next meeting.

It was agreed that future meetings of the committee will be the 2nd Monday of each month at the Central Fire Station at 7 PM. The next meeting will be 9/12/16.

Motion made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Martin Frank, Committee Secretary