

Williamstown Public Safety Building Study Committee

Minutes prepared by Daniel N. Gendron

Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Start 7:05 to Adjourned 8:03.

In attendance: Jane Patton, Selectman  
John Notsley, WFD Prudential Committee President  
Ann McCallum, Planning  
Sergeant Scott McGowan, WPA President  
Andrew Hogeland Finance Committee  
Daniel Gendron, Finance Committee

Nominated Selectman Jane Allen as Chairman, unanimous decision.

Jane Patton read the warrant article that charged the Committee with its scope and purpose.

Group discussed why the combination of the PD and FD were or were not problematic.

Scott McGowan discussed various Union concerns and fear of endless committees. Union not necessarily behind combined Fire/Police building currently as the FD project has been on its own track since 2006, with the expenditures of \$70,000+ to date. Concerned over urgency of building needs. No philosophical issues with the FD and relations are excellent. Police need fast track. Accidents waiting to happen.

Daniel Gendron discussed urgency, asked all to view PD and FD. FD should not impede the progress of getting a new station. Stated he would send several spreadsheets regarding cost of projects and other tax information.

Andy Hogeland asked if the Lahovic site was large enough to accommodate both the PD and FD.

John Notsley stated RFP is needed in order to get an idea of PD land requirements. Jane agreed.

Ann McCallum offered her expertise as architect to shake out a site plan. She would talk directly with PD and FD get requirements.

Jane Patton will follow up with RFP information.

Vote to jointly tour PD and FD Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15, vote unanimous.

Future meetings to be dictated by progress.

Andy Hogeland wants to create a short list of sites by exploring what's been already crossed off.

8:03 motion to adjourn. unanimous.

