

Public Safety Facilities Task Force

Minutes

February 7, 2023

9:30

zoom

Members in attendance: Tom Bilotta, Christine Lear, Jerry Lerman, Bill Risso

Members not in attendance: Lee Storrs, Ingo Szegvari

Others in attendance:

Carlisle Master Planning Member Kerry Kissinger, Annette Lee, John Lee, Carlisle FinCom Member Victor Liang arrived at 10:05 AM, Carlisle Town Planner Julie Mercier, Mike Saylor, M Findley, Ryan McLane (attended for 15 Minutes)

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM
- II. Public Comments: Annette Lee was concerned regarding the short Thursday deadline for the task force's recommendation to the select board. She asked if the task force had talked with the master plan committee since she believed the master plan wanted to preserve the town center and this may be over building in the Historical District. Lear responded that the Public Safety Facilities Task Force will be only making recommendations to the select board and that Kerry Kissinger and John Ballantine were both involved with the master planning committee and have attended our meetings. Kerry Kissinger stated that he is a supporter of Center Park and has met with the founder many times who spent about \$70,000 to start Center Park.
- III. Approval of January 24, 2023 Minutes: Lerman made the motion and Risso seconded, no discussion, vote was unanimous.
- IV. Presentation by Mike Saylor; Saylor included his thoughts, possibilities and concepts on the police station building and land area (raze the existing structure and rebuild, renovate and/or provide additions, provide additional parking). He stated he was not a wetland professional and did not advocate for any of the police station options/ideas. Please refer to the attached presentation material.
 - Comments on the presentation; Lerman asked if the 20 foot by 70 foot parking lot behind the burial ground could be connected to town hall. Saylor responded saying a walkway would be about 200 feet long across wetlands. He also stated that West Acton has a covered wetland walkway near the Douglas Gate School.
- V. Next Steps with Town Administrator Ryan McLane; Lear asked McLane on how the committee should proceed for Thursday's deadline. McLane stated that the committee should make a recommendation to the select board on the police and fire facilities. He also thought the committee should discuss if the recommendation should include just a study for the police and fire or include town hall space, town parking space and COA space needed in the future. He thought the Public Safety Facilities Task Force had met the requirements of the task assigned by the select board and thought further study was needed. He also thought it was time to either expand the task force scope or provide a task to a new committee or consultant. After McLane left the call, Lear asked each member for their thoughts.
 - Lerman
 - Building a combined facility is costly
 - Renovating the police station or doing another building on site is viable
 - Building a new fire station not on the existing site is not feasible
 - The existing fire station is in an ideal spot so could raze and rebuild.

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- Adding annex to the existing fire station is also viable
- Bilotta
 - Fire station annex proposed is viable at about 9000 square feet which would equate to around \$10 million which is about what the master plan has.
 - Renovate the police station which equates to the 5 million that the master plan has.
 - Need to study parking needs for town hall
 - Town center should be a business district.
- Lear
 - Agreed with Lerman's thoughts
- Risso
 - Agreed with both Lerman and Bilotta thoughts but was concerned on mentioning dollar amounts that the master plan stated and implied restriction to. The master plan is guidance, a living document that should change/be tweaked yearly.
 - A driveway from the police station property to the town hall parking lot should be studied.

A motion was made by Bilotta and second by Risso to have Lerman & Lear draft a statement stating the task force recommendations; No discussion, vote was unanimous.

VI. Public Comments: None

VII. Meeting adjourned 10:23 AM

PSFTF Documents area available through the town website or at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kgTJDWtzyoV6BejpL8H8424j2QZd3aHj>

Submitted by Bill Risso

Approved March 7, 2023