

Police Department Study Committee

Minutes of June 21st, 2023

Meeting called to order at 0900 AM.

Present:

Andrew Fitch, Craig Moore, Ray Mason, Andrew Benton, Chief William Ulwick,
Lt. Derek Gray, Allen Cilley

- Chief Ulwick started the meeting by seeking approval to approve the minutes from last meeting. Craig seconded the motion – approved.
- Andy Fitch started with the map of wells for the overall 6 Collins Street site. MW-1 and MW-2 are still active wells. Craig presented an e mail stating the wells could be moved at the town's expense. Expense is unknown currently. It was also discussed that the possibility does exist for the expense to be covered under the Petroleum Fund.
- Next, Chief Ulwick brought up plans drafted by the police department (Ulwick/Gray). Members were provided with draft copies of blueprints. Electric pole on the Left side of 6 Collins Street property would need to be moved. Chief Ulwick believes at one point there was a plan to move the cables underground anyway. Septic was spoken about and the bays under the proposed building would not be in the way according to Craig. It was stated a 40 x 20 sallyport should be considered according when discussing blueprints. Andrew Benton stated the Water and Sewer bays could be evaluated to see if the PD truck would fit. The question was brought up again about ADA and having an elevator for the 2nd floor. Chief Ulwick stated he asked the Ashland code officer to look it up and was told we would not need one to comply and did not require an elevator. Ray Mason made the point that many of the room sizes would need to be changed. Lt. Gray clarified that the blueprints were not done with any actual measurements taken into account but only to evaluate locations of the rooms. Andrew Fitch and Ray Mason agree the 2nd floor building would cost significantly more than the much smaller site proposed between the electric department buildings. Andrew Benton raised the point that the proposed building on the left side of 6 Collins Street does also cover issues DPW needs to remedy down the road because of the addition of the bays.
- Money is needed to move forward, and there was discussion on the best way to do that and what it would be for, plans, site evaluation, etc.
- The need was brought up to pick a site before moving forward on getting any money.
- Next meeting set for 0900 July 5th.