

Police Department Study Committee

Minutes of September 6th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chief Ulwick at 10am. Alan Cilley, Craig Moore, and Ray Mason were in attendance.

General Discussion:

Chief Ulwick updated the committee that he and Lt. Gray have looked at a few other Police Departments and took measurements, looking at room sizing. The Chief also shared that he is working on redacting the risk assessment so that it can be shared with the public at the request of the committee members. He updated the committee on his communication with other departments to find out what media coverage they did for their projects, and surprisingly many did the project without much promotion of the project. Some departments did promote through their Board of Selectmen meetings, and simple social media posts but not full-blown media presentation. Ray said he would write something up about the department once given the information and will try to get it to the editor of the Sun to see what types of responses the committee gets back.

A property of interest that is located on Main Street, may be going up for sale which could be potentially looked at for another location.

The Chief also spoke about probation parole which currently uses the Police's space to work. Chief shared that they have a great relationship with them and wants to foster that relationship. The State may be interested in being part of the project to have a portion be used for their work as Ashland is centrally located. The Chief said he would talk more with the State to find out more details about what the State would be looking to build. There was discussion about seeing who the State uses for engineering to start looking at who is out there for this type of build and get quotes for engineering.

The committee also discussed what they would need to do with the space with regards to the future and not to build too small with the need to expand in the near future. The Chief shared that some of the other departments he reached out said that they wish they had foresight of the future when they were building as they may need to expand.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 10am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26am.