

## Police Department Study Committee

### Minutes of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10am by Chief Ulwick, Alan Cilley, Andy Fitch, Lt. Derek Gray, and Ray Mason were in attendance.

Selectmen Andy Fitch did a swearing in for the committee with the present members.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the minutes of 7/5/2023 as written*

**SECOND:** Ray Mason

**MOTION PASSED**

#### **General Discussion:**

Chief Ulwick and Lt. Gray gave an update that they were unable to visit other Police Department offices since the last meeting as the department has been very busy.

The Committee discussed the anonymous donation of \$500 to pursue investigating the I-93 location. The donation would cover the State's fee for assessing the property. Some members felt that looking into the site would delay progress on the project as the assessment could take over a year to get back from the State. Andy shared that he feels as though looking into the I-93 site it could be used as a backup site or potentially land for other projects in Town. Some discussion has been had regarding a public safety building which would encompass both the Police Department and the Fire Department. Chief Ulwick added that by having the Polic Department on 6 Collins Street would be cost benefit as the Town already owns the land and speculated that the State's land by I-93 may be cost prohibitive.

The discussion moved on to engineering and financing. At this time Andy has not pursued trying to get money from the Board of Selectmen. Chief Ulwick spoke with the Town Manager about potential funds for engineering costs and was told there was no money allocated for this project. Ray added that there hasn't been any community outreach to find out what the public thinks about the project and discussed with the committee how we could go about selling the project. Ideas included making a presentation and presenting it at a Board of Selectmen meeting, putting together a video of the current space, finding a way to communicate the risk assessment that was done on

the current space, and media publication. Chief Ulwick and Lt. Gray stated they would work on putting together information about the assessment and information for online, as well as a video. Chief Ulwick will reach out to other departments that have recently built new facilities.

From the prior meeting there was discussion about looking at the septage system at 6 Collins Street, Andy said he would look into finding the plans. Unfortunately, he was unable to find the plans.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am.