

## Police Department Study Committee

### Minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10am by Chief Ulwick, Alan Cilley, Andrew Benton, Andy Fitch, Lt. Derek Gray, and Craig Moore were in attendance. Ray Mason was absent with notice.

Selectmen Andy Fitch preformed the swearing in of Craig Moore & Andrew Benton

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the minutes of 8/9/2023 as written*

**SECOND:** Alan Cilley

**MOTION PASSED**

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*To approve the minutes of 9/6/2023 as written*

**SECOND:** Derek Gray

(Andy Fitch & Andrew Benton abstained)

**MOTION PASSED**

#### **General Discussion:**

Chief Ulwick and Lt. Gray gave an update that they will be having a meeting with the probation and parole group about their expectations and timeline for the space that they are in need of. The meeting will have the current director, an onsite parole officer and the probation and parole chief. The hope is to discuss their needs and to see if we can work together. The Chief and Lt. also gave an update on media presentations. They spoke with other agencies that went under similar projects recently and found that there are certain parts of a new Police Station that the Police Department cannot be involved in regarding the promotion of the project. The promotion would need to come from citizens and not use the resources of the Police Department. However, the Police Department can do (for example) open houses in the current space. The discussion of the risk assessment came up and it was discussed that not only does the redacted file need to be passed through legal first prior to releasing it to the committee, but that if there were to be further use of the assessment, citizens would need to be the ones using it as promotion for the Police Department. The committee pointed out that Alan and Ray are the only citizens on the committee that do not hold another position in the Town. The committee questioned if no Town departments

are allowed to be involved in the promotion of the project or if it is just the Police Department as several Town department heads serve on the committee.

Lt. Gray brought a citizens' suggestion to the committee that the committee hold one of their meetings later in the day to allow the public to attend. The committee discussed not changing the time until more of the project is put together, but also discussed the possibility of setting up the meeting on Zoom for others to attend.

The goals for the next meeting include the Chief and Lt. Gray visiting another department's facility to get additional reference points for this project as well as putting together a more solid list of rooms and sizing to look at potential engineering.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am