



Tuesday April 23, 2024,
Henniker Community Center

Police Facility Assessment Committee Minutes

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Called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm

Members present: Kris Blomback, Amy Patenaude, Jarrod Brooks, Cathy Dias, Bill Marko, Rocky Bostrom.

Members excused: Jarrod Gleason, Stephen Dennis, Mick Costello

Members of the public: Kirk Spofford

Motion made to approve minutes of March by Brooks— second by Patenaude. Rocky Bostrom Chief Matt French abstained. Vote halted when no quorum for original minutes. Less 1 member. Tabled the minutes.

Considerable discussion ensued over the capabilities of a new station to have some sort of housing component. In discussion with the NHMA lawyer it is clear that Fire Departments have this authority, but police departments cannot. The conversation centered around it would be a great recruitment tool for potential new police candidates.

Discussion also ensued about the police office standards: <https://www.pstc.nh.gov/>

- Approximately 16 weeks of academy training.
- Additional 12 weeks of field training.
- Town retains a right of contract reimbursement for 3 years.

The idea would be to have potential candidates and students be able to lodge temporarily in these accommodations while they attend the academy. Amy Patenaude (Ex NH Senator) advised as to procedure to statutorily change law and allow its use.

Property on Davidson Road could have issues of low water pressure, sprinkler coverage, sewer concerns. All thought they could be addressable. Marko to follow up with departments.

Continuing tasks for next meeting:

- Kris to inquire about any parcels of land at NEC. Get an estimate on a builder and to speak with Senator Dan Innis and Rep Steph Payeur.
- Amy to follow up with NEC Board on other available options.
- Cathy to follow-up about a parcel of land on Main St.
- Bill to follow up with Cogswell Springs and Wastewater Department

Public Comment: Kirk Spofford emphasized two points:

- Trainee lodging should be part of a new police station.
- Urged the committee to encourage the board to purchase the land on Davidson Road.

No new business.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Brooks, second by Rocky. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 due to an Economic Development Committee meeting starting at 6 pm.

Future Meetings:

- 5/28/2024 5:00 pm
- 6/25/2024 5:00 pm