



Tuesday February 27, 2024
Henniker Community Center

Police Facility Assessment Committee Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Members present: Kris Blomback, Chief Matt French. Bill Marko, Jarrod Gleason, , Stephen Dennis, Mick Costello Jarrod Brooks, Cathy Dias

Members excused: Rocky Bostrom, Amy Patenaude.

Members of the public: Kirk Spofford, Peter Flynn

Motion made to approve minutes of January by Marko— second by Brooks. Approved. Abstain: Costello, Denis, Dias.

Jarrod addressed legal opinion from NHMA about possibility of including housing opportunities with a new facility. Pursuant to an email:

There is a possibility for this to happen, although it would be complicated, and I am not sure if it would operate in the way you are hoping. RSA 203:4 allows for a municipality to allow for the creation of a state-run housing authority. This is essentially the statute that allows for the creation of housing projects. It is possible that under the authority granted in this statute, a municipality could create long term housing options for rent to municipal employees. However, the state would be in control of the housing, and I don't think there is a way you could totally limit this housing to only municipal employees.

Police and fire departments are allowed to have temporary housing accommodations for overnight shifts, but these cannot be rented long term to one specific individual.

Jonathan E. Cowal, Esq.
Municipal Services Counsel
NH Municipal Association

Discussion about potential land available for police station:

- Davison Road
- Western Ave

There was considerable discussion on rearranging the following criteria and initial scoring on:

- Availability of town water
- Availability of town sewer
- Access to electricity

- Access to Route 202/9
- Access to downtown
- Access to New England College
- Access to Henniker Elementary
- Availability
- Grade
- Suitability
- Ease of access to north, south, east, and west.
- Does not displace commercially developable land.
- Flood plain
- Size of the lot
- Ability to park cars
- Snow removal
- Drainage
- Access to ATV paths.

Jarrold to combine some attributes and rearrange the scorecard. Excel worksheet.

Tasks for next meeting:

- Kris to inquire about any parcels of land at NEC
- Bill to follow-up about a parcel of land on Main St.
- Chief French to gather paperwork about various parcels of land near 202/9/
- Rocky to present other municipalities that have similar lodging options.
- Jarrod will get further input from NHMA about housing.

No new business.

Public Comment: Kirk Spofford asked about the weighting of certain attributes associated with scorecard. Specifically, ATV/Snowmobile access.

Motion to adjourn: Bostrom with a second by Gleason. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04

Future Meetings:

- 3/26/2024 6:00 pm
- 4/23/2024 6:00 pm