Chairman of the Police Building Study Committee, Kevin LaChapelle opened the Public Forum at 6:30 p.m., explaining the event is a forum, not a public hearing. The Police Building Study Committee introduced themselves as did Gary Goudreau of Cowan and Goudreau Architects, Brian Gehris, Project Manager with Milestone Engineering & Construction and David Baer, General Superintendent with Milestone.

Kevin began noting the purchase of the Sanborn Road property was approved at Town Meeting, as was $194,500 for the purpose of developing an architectural and engineering design for the new Tilton Police Station. He reviewed the charge of the Study Committee which includes collaborating with the Selectmen, Town Staff, and the Architect to develop a timeline and tasks; work with the architect to fully develop the building design beyond the conceptual schematics and create shovel ready construction documents that will allow the Town to secure bid estimates in time for the 2020 Town Meeting.

Kevin reported the Committee and Selectmen had voted on choosing a Construction Manager (CM) hence; Milestone Engineering & Construction. He briefly explained the responsibilities of a Construction Manager. Kevin reported the Committee had visited other facilities learning the pros and cons of constructing a suitable building.

Kevin mentioned the Guaranteed Maximum Pricing for the project must be set by the fall. Brian Gehris of Milestone explained Guaranteed Maximum Pricing (GMP) is a team approach where a budget is put together with a high end number (maximum number) and the Construction Manager works under that number with any cost savings they obtain going back to the owner. The CM is working based on a fee, once the GMP is set, that's the number - their fee is locked. Brian Gehris explained the CM has a fiduciary responsibility to manage the project and bring it in on or under budget.

Regarding costs and the timeline, Kevin mentioned that the water utility is accessible but sewer needs research; soft costs e.g., radios etc; and what it would take to allow the building to function - all those numbers will be available by Town Meeting. He also mentioned EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) funds would be available through the Department of Homeland Security for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
Kevin presented a power point program outlining the property, building, the recreational area and parking. He showed Option A and B for the building, noting the committee had chosen Option A which would be presented to the Selectmen this week. Kevin spoke of the reasons they chose what they did in Option A, e.g. brick versus vinyl, the ballistic protection and the front entryway. It was confirmed the building would be ADA compliant with appropriate parking for the handicapped/disabled.

Gary Goudreau navigated through the color coded floor plan areas explaining the three different populations the building is designed to accommodate - the public, staff, and detainee or prisoner. Kevin interjected noting the Committee had taken into consideration, suggestions from other police departments of the separate entrances/exits for the detainees/prisoners.

Gary continued, referencing the separate evidence storage units. He reported there was nothing new with the functions in this building that is not already being used in the current building, however; the current building is not up to standards for a modern day police station - there is a lot of separation of the population for the safety of the public and the safety of the staff in this floor plan.

Kevin mentioned from the committee’s tours of other facilities, having enough record retention storage area was a key component. He talked briefly about the training/EOC/community room being used for multiple uses then showed examples of different Emergency Operations Centers.

Chuck Drew spoke of the major role the Police Department has had working hand in hand with the Committee on the design plan which will best suit their needs.

Kevin completed the slide show mentioning there will be more public forums, meetings and hearings before Town Meeting.

The evening ended with question and answers/comments from the public and the committee.