Town of Tilton
Police Building Study Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 4, 2020
Tilton Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chair LaChapelle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ken Dame, Chuck Drew, Eric Pyra, Captain Martin, Sgt. Nate Buffington, Jeanie Forrester, Tim Pearson and David Behr. Pat Consentino arrived shortly after.

Presentation Strategy for Town Meeting and January 9th Selectmen's Meeting

Kevin talked briefly about warrant strategies. Jeanie reported the Selectmen approved the Sewer Warrant Article for a $2.5 million project for West Main Street and a portion of Clark Road. She also mentioned there will be the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement for the PD) Warrant Article. There was discussion of the order of presenting the articles and the impact and benefits of the total debt to the Town.

Kevin talked about having all the important dates from inception of the current police building, how many committees there has been and when they first began discussing the need for a new building. Tim will provide numbers of how much money has been expended since 2006.

Kevin mentioned how he would begin the presentation by speaking on the background information including numbers. There was discussion of how the presentation should include the liability issues, giving real life experiences, and how policing and laws have changed.

There was discussion of remembering all the monies spent and lost over the years, and that the Townspeople put their trust in this committee to bring forth the best solution.

Brainstorming of what makes this the right time: Previous committee(s) work, location, bond rates, support from the Selectmen, and willingness from the community to raise money; all efforts have been exhausted to move forward with current building which has served it purpose, but now no longer does.

Discussion of crimes - be prepared to discuss: Exit 20, involvement in nationwide organized retail crimes, worldwide prostitution rings, scams, frauds, armed robberies, etc., and what does building a new police station do for crime. Further discussion of liability to the Town and providing public safety.

Football Field discussion: The Committee supports it, however; its not in the Committee's purview.
For the public hearings and Town Meeting, the Committee members will be introducing themselves explaining who they are and why they are on this committee. Discussion of PR, fund raising, and marketing, letters to the Editors etc., possibly doing a post card mailing with the facts of the project. There was some discussion of the 3-D presentation which at this time is on hold. There was a brief conversation of the Owner’s Costs, the associated line items, and the Authority to Bond.

The committee then began discussing how the numbers would be presented. It was suggested Milestone could do an historical escalation of costs of what it would have cost to build this same building 10 years ago.

Finance Director Tim Pearson reviewed the numbers, costs, and financing estimates which should be included as a power point presentation. There was discussion of including an explanation about the bond from last year’s town meeting ($194,500) to avoid confusion. Tim will devise that information; he reiterated that the Warrant Article is the Authority to Bond, not the Bond itself.

Kevin reported there are some federal entities interested in sharing the tower; unknown details at this time.

**Adjournment:**
With nothing further, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

**Upcoming Meetings:**
Jan 15th to Budget Committee and Jan 16th to Selectmen
Feb 5th public hearing on the Budget