

WT Police Station Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

10/4/10 Howe's House

Present: John Christensen, Susan Wasserman, Beth Toomey

Next meeting: 10/13/10, at Howes House, 4 PM.

General Organizational Business

1615 meeting called to order by Chair Wasserman. Minutes approved as amended.

Harwich site visit

Christensen, Perry and Toomey visited Harwich's new police station as guests of Chief William Mason. His early training in architecture led him to involvement in the design and building of 3 police stations. It is the physical embodiment of the concerns of law enforcement: concern for the privacy and dignity of ALL its customers; the safety of civilian workers, police officers, arrestees, and court officers; work spaces that recognize the duties and responsibilities attendant to a small police department, which we have already learned, are more far-ranging than a member of a municipal department. Chief Mason would be happy to help us in any way he can.

Timetable

Proposed that the timetable can extend past the December date. Selectmen are pleased with the approach.

Perhaps hold public meetings after we have completed our work in late December.

Plan for growth

Need to establish baseline for growth over the next 20 years. Growth can come in spurts. Houses that had been seasonally occupied now house year-round residents.

Analyze other town-owned and other locations

Set criteria besides ownership. Eliminate clearly non-compliant sites.

- Proximity to residences
- Police can be noisy neighbors at times
- Security, visibility
- Buffers
- Parking
- No long drive
- Good sight lines
- Centrality for response, particularly to airport

Septic requirements co-locating at Station 2

An engineer should be engaged to investigate this or any site for sufficient septic needs.

Station 2 may be encumbered, but sufficient capacity may exist.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20

Respectfully submitted

John Christensen