

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Public Safety Site Committee:

Bill Rossi, David Norton, Zeke Wilkins, Cody Coutinho, Liz Gude, Brian Cioffi, Tim Rich, Andy Goldman, Chairman, and Tim Carroll, who has been of great support to the Committee.

Re: Status Report on our findings to date on the need, location and cost of a new Public Safety Building and steps to be undertaken to bring its development to the next level of specificity where more informed decisions can be made.

The task of ascertaining the need for a new facility was easy. The condition and utility of the existing facility is well known to you and was what prompted you to establish this committee in the first place.

In determining location we looked at all call information over the last several years. What was readily apparent was that a Town Center location was to be preferred in terms of allowing the shortest time to respond to most callers.

This project should not require more than two acres (see square footage figures below) and could use less, depending on configuration. We know that opportunities for appropriate land in Town Center abound and we stand ready to assist in any way you may find appropriate in any relevant land acquisition activities you may initiate.

Planning has been for a first responder building to house the Chilmark Fire Department and TriTown with the possibility of including or adding later an additional module to house the Chilmark Police Department.

We have analyzed broadly and compared our thinking to projects undertaken in similar small communities to ascertain whether our thinking was in the same ball park as others. It is.

The numbers supplied by David, Zeke and Brian:

Fire	7,625 square feet
TriTown	2,400
<u>Shared</u>	<u>600</u>
First Responder	10,625
<u>Police</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Public Safety Building	12,625

Cost estimates are meaningless without more information about the building but if \$300 a square foot is used as a place holder, the cost would range from \$3,057,500 to \$3,787,500.

In January we requested that you forward to the Town Meeting a Warrant Article request for \$40,000--\$30,000 for architecture and planning and \$10,000 for an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) which you have done.

If the Town Meeting approves this Warrant, it would be our intention to issue a Request for Proposals for both OPM and architect/planner and develop plans for further presentation to you and the Town.