Millbury Public Safety Building Site committee meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2016, 1800 hours

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Attending: Chief Donald Desorcy, Lt. Regina Rush-Kittle, Brian Gasko, David Rudge, Kim Cadrin,
Pat Halm

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Call to order at 1800 Hours by D. Desorcy
- 3. MOTION: D. Rudge made a motion and B. Gasko seconded the motion to appoint R. Hamilton as vice-chairman. Vote was unanimous
- 4. MOTION: B. Gasko made a motion and R. Rush-Kittle seconded the motion to appoint P. Halm as clerk. Vote was unanimous
- 5. B. Gasko noted that the minutes for the March 17, 2016 meeting did not reflect the appointment of D. Desorcy as chairman

MOTION: B. Gasko made a motion and K. Cadrin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting with the addition of the D. Desorcy appointment As chairman. Vote was unanimous.

- 6. D. Desorcy reiterated the discussions with Jeff Remillard, Jason Maganason and R. Morino (DD) re property on Howe Avenue. He stressed these were merely conversations with no considerations of purchase price in no way negotiations. B. Gasko suggested the combined sites including the Dunkin Doughnuts site extending up to ball field might work well for the MFD but would be enhanced by being 'squared-off.' A minimum acceptable site for the MFD would be at least 1-1/2 acres.
- 7. The McGrath Educational School site may be a consideration for the MFD. There does not appear that any restriction was placed on the site when it was deeded to the Town (1856 Deed: A. Waters to Millbury Inhabitants); a title search is underway; the site is about 1-1/2 acres. Use of the site would require demolition of the existing building and leveling the site with the complication of removing ledge could cost as much as \$500,000.
- 8. MFD prefers McGrath site over Howe Avenue site; keeps Facility more towards the center of Town; uses Town owned land; unclear what site preparation costs might be; question remains what has to happen to use McGrath site?
- 9. Presentation at Town meeting will include specific impact of increased taxes on various tax bases; segregated into Building A and Building B; assumes borrowing for 25 Years Existing Town debt will be reduced in 2018; Period of loan will not go to tax base until construction is complete using short term borrowing for design and construction.
- 10. Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ allows a community to assess taxes in excess of the automatic 2.5 percent increase results in a permanent increase in the levy limit. Debt exclusion allows a community to raise funds for certain purposes above the levy ceiling and lasts only for the life of the debt. Both exclusions require a two-thirds vote of the selectmen in order to be presented to the voters. A majority vote of approval is required for both types.

- 11. MPD looking at locating facility on Sewer Dept. site; possible concerns with overhead high tension line, impact on communications?; health impact? Site is about 3/4 miles from Town center. Minimum acceptable site for MPD is one acre.
- 12. As information, R. Rush-Kittle provided cut sheets for two police departments: Brookfield Police Department; 4,595 SF at \$348/SF; occupied in December 2015 and Barre Police Department; 7,004 SF at \$428/SF; construction start in April 2016.
- 13. As information, R. Rush-Kittle provided catalogs for furniture available from MDC operated Masco Industries; could save considerable in soft costs for reasonable quality furniture.
- 14. Agenda for next meeting will include possible Historical limitations on McGrath site.
- 15. Next meeting: In about two weeks at 1800 hours
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 1900 hours.