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**PUBLIC SAFETY SITE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Richard P. Hamilton, Donald P. Desorcey, Thomas Nault, Regina Rush-Kittle and Brian Gasco

Location: Site visit to the Public Safety Buildings in Paxton and Holden MA.

Start Time: 1420 hours

Committee first went to the Paxton Public Safety Building. Paxton Fire Chief Jay Conte met with us and explained the process that was followed in order to construct this building. The building is approximately 29000 square feet. It was constructed in 2008 at a cost of \$8.7 million dollars. This included land acquisition. The Town of Paxton has approximately 4800 residents but the population increases during the school year because of Anna Maria College. Paxton Police Department provides coverage to the college. The Paxton Fire Department has 4 full time fighters and 40 part time. Paxton Police Department has 9 sworn full time officers, 9 Public Safety Officers, 4 full time dispatchers and 3 part time. They also have EMS (Emergency Medical Services). Committee found that the 40 seat training area and work out area was a good feature. Fire Department administrative office area was small and there was limited bunk areas for the full time personnel. Garage area for the Fire Department was adequate. Police Department area was found to be too small with little area for potential growth. Sally port area was below floor level of the cell block requiring prisoners and officers to use a stairway. Not a recommended practice.

Committee then drove to the Holden Public Safety Complex. The building was constructed in 2010 at a cost of 12 million. The Town of Holden had appropriated 13.5 million for the project. Complex is approximately 38,000 square feet. Fire Department has 20 full time fire fighters and 40 call members. Police Department has 20 full time officers with 3 additional hires coming soon. Holden also provides EMS out of this station. Complex shares a 50 seat training area and work out space. The size of the space used by the police department would work well for Millbury Police. The Fire Department apparatus floor is large enough to accommodate the needs of the Millbury Fire Department. The office and administrative space for the fire department was well structure and would meet the needs of Millbury.

End Time: 1811 hours. Motion made by Rich Hamilton and second by Brian Gasco to end meeting. All were in favor and motion passed.

Chief Donald P. Desorcey