

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Chairman, Building and Needs Assessment Committee

Subject: Police and Fire Station

Building and Needs Assessment Committee

Minutes of Meetings on 18 and 23 Feb 2004

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Present: George Moe(Chairman)
Drew Brown
Tom Flynn (on 18th)
David W. Rego
Ann White

The committee inspected the Police and Fire Stations on 18th Feb and discussed future action at a meeting on the 23rd Feb. Present on both occasions were Police Chief Richard Rosenthal, Fire Chief Alan Hight and Lieut Ronnie Fisette.


The chairman called the meeting on 23 Feb to order at 5pm. The meeting first discussed the possibility of erecting a new Police or Fire Station at a new site and renovating the existing building for the other Department.

Several possible sites have been mentioned in recent years: these include the Gutzy Bender property, the site on which the Outer Cape Health Service now sits, the strip of Town owned land now partly occupied by the new Senior Center, the land on route 6 beside Consider the Lilies presently owned by the Catholic Diocese, the Town owned property at 355 Main Street, and the Town owned land near Marconi Beach. Some of these sites would entail land purchase or land swaps. Some offer better access than others. All would very probably be a more expensive solution than expansion and renovation of the existing building on its present site; and this would be all the more certain if land purchase were involved.

The meeting considered that, on balance, it would be more sensible to plan for reconstruction of the building on the existing site. Besides renovation of the existing building, this would mean additions to the Fire Station on the route 6 side and to the Police Station on the east side. (Erection of another storey on the existing foundation might be possible as an alternative to the latter. But as no as-built plans exist for the building, the load bearing capacity of the foundation is not known.)

The committee noted that the existing water supply would not be acceptable to Mass DEP. Nor would the alternative of tapping into the Elementary School's well. Other sources would have to be found. The Police Chief stated that he had correspondence in his files relating to other possible sources and would inform the committee at a later meeting.

The committee decided to send the attached memo to the Board of Selectmen. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.


Secretary
3/20/04