

**Town of Montville
Public Safety Building Committee
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**Special Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall, Council Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Those in attendance were as follows: William Bucko, alternate Ray Coggeshall, Police Lt. Leonard Bunnell, David Jetmore, John Leonard, Paul Lewis, John MacNeil, and Jack Platt. Also present were Finance Director Theresa Fafard and Sgt. Michael Collins, Resident State Trooper.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Remarks from the Public Relating to Agenda Items.

There were no public remarks.

5. Election of Officers

**Motion: To nominate Jack Platt as chair for the
Public Safety Building Committee.**

Proposed by: Len Bunnell

Seconded by: Paul Lewis

Vote: Carried unanimously

**Motion: To nominate William Bucko as Vice chair for the
Public Safety Building Committee.**

Proposed by: Dave Jetmore

Seconded by: John McNeil

Vote: Carried unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2009

The Committee did not approve June 25, 2009, meeting minutes.

7. Presentation by Town Finance Director

Finance Director Terry Fafard stated she was unsure of the information that the Committee needed. She handed out to the Committee an information sheet that outlined the budget impact for a RW bond issued prior to December 31, 2010. The scenarios showed an RW bond and its interest, an estimated budget, the mill rate and the change in mill rate on a deferred bond payment versus a non-deferred bond for a 5-year period to the budget year 2013-2014. Also included in the calculations were

two previously issued bonds. The Committee discussed variables to the proposed 6 million dollar public safety building project as follows:

1. The time it will take to get to referendum;
2. The outstanding Rand Whitney judgment;
3. The cost of construction in the current economy;
4. Project startup costs possibly through a capital plan;
5. Hiring a consultant with grant-writing experience;
6. The duties of a consultant;
7. Grants and other available funding for the project;
8. The status of the \$800,000 previously earmarked to the Town by the State;
9. ARRA funds for the project;
10. Costs to the Committee—engineering; supplies; recording secretary.

The Committee concluded that it would invite Kastle Boos, the firm that developed the Space Needs Assessment through the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Building Committee, and the Town Planner for further discussion of the above. T. Fafard was also invited to return.

Motion: **That the Committee invites Kastle Boos to its next meeting to the dynamics for construction of the public safety building.**

Proposed by: Dave Jetmore

Seconded by: John McNeil

Vote: **Carried unanimously**

8. Old Business

a. Discussion of funding sources.

J. Platt asked to be brought up to speed on the progress of the Committee and its development from the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Building Committee to present. L. Bunnell summarized that the Ad-Hoc Committee was charged with finding and recommending a proposed site for the project and costs for the same. He explained that after visits to several public safety buildings in and out-of-state the Committee approved a site similar to the 16,000 square foot one in Abington, Massachusetts. Kastle Boos, an architectural firm, was hired to develop a Space Needs Assessment. The Space Needs Assessment was reported to the Town Council last month and the Council passed a resolution committing to the 909 Route 32 location identified by the Ad-Hoc Committee, the size of the building (16,000 square feet), and empowered the Public Safety Committee with building it. The Ad-Hoc Committee used Police Facility Guidelines as a model for preparing its preliminary report that evolved into the Space Needs Assessment. The report was developed by the Committee and prepared by B. Bucko.

The Committee also talked about the present facility on Route 2A that it leases from the State and its responsibility for maintenance of the same. L. Bunnell and Sgt. Collins spoke about the existing problems at the Route 2A building that include a faulty boiler that needs replacing, a rotting roof on the north side of the building, sewer contamination, and the lack of potable water. Sgt. Collins commented that he called State Facilities Management to find out when the State might take back the

Route 2A site. Also discussed was the cost to the Town for Resident Trooper service for the possible demise of the Route 2A building versus having a public safety building that will accommodate the activity, potential growth, and future needs of the Town of Montville. How to develop a budget for the project was also discussed. This topic will be further discussed with the Town Planner. J. Leonard volunteered to do some research for the project. Community support for the project was another topic of concern.

b. Discussion of field trip to Massachusetts.

The Committee discussed planning a second trip to the Abington, Massachusetts Public Safety Building for the benefit of new members. The Town Council and Kastle Boos will be invited to attend.

9. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

10. Remarks from the Public

There were no public remarks.

11. Remarks by Committee members

Sgt. Collins reported that more and more residents have been attending the neighborhood meetings. L. Bunnell added that in a report from the Town Planner, a public safety building is the number one priority in the Town as profiled in the *Community Profile, Community Facilities and Infrastructure: Plan of Conservation and Development for 2009*. B. Bucko welcomed J. Platt to the Committee, in particular for his knowledge of the Town. J. Platt commented that teamwork will be the key to completion of the project.

The Committee agreed to meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and would have special meetings as necessary.

12. Adjournment

Motion: **That the meeting is adjourned.**

Proposed by: John Leonard

Seconded by: John McNeil

Vote: **Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jack Platt, Chair
Public Safety Building Committee

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary
Date Approved _____