

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Public Safety Building Committee Meeting

September 19, 2017

Start 6:30

Attending: Mark Haines, Arthur Skolnik, Kathy Panagiotes, Lillian Whitney, Fred Alden, Mike Reggio, Mike Bussell (we waited until there was a quorum at 6:30 to begin)

Guest: Representative Sheila Harrington

Minutes of September 5th approved

Discussion points:

- Mark met with Mr. McMillan, architect, on Tuesday morning and Mark now presents the revised design to include the Fire Station
 - Review identifies areas that may need further revision, eg., more windows, changes to shape of outside perimeter; PD side must be revised according to new MGL's and DPH codes and restrictions such as security zones, while maintaining awareness of costs
 - Changes are penciled in on design map
- What's Next:
 - Info sessions for the public
 - Need for RFP's and detailed drawings
 - Mark will ask Mr. McMillan about cost for continued revisions
- Rep. Harrington: question was asked, what is the availability of state funding?
 - Public safety grants inquiry would be to the Secretary of Economic Development
 - Rep. Harrington suggests grants are not forthcoming because of cuts to 9C unless the building was being placed in the Historic District, or Ashby was part of the Community Preservation Act
 - She suggests to invite someone from the Public Safety Division, Sec. Bennett's Office and she will email that Office to discuss options
 - Kathy will e-mail a reminder to Rep. Harrington's office

Meeting adjourned: 7:25

Next meetings: October 3, 17, November 7

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month; 6p to 7:15 in the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Panagiotes