## Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

## **Public Safety Building Committee Meeting**

August 1, 2017

Start 6:06

Attending: Mark Haines, Kathy Panagiotes, Lillian Whitney, Art Skolnik, Fred Alden

No members of the public present

Minutes of July 11 approved

Discussion/consideration/concern points:

- Mark spoke with Ann Gobi; Ashby PSB may not be on the topo of the state budget list.
  Mark has a list of avenues (grants, etc.) that could be pursued for assistance; Art will review list
- Town will need to vote on moving forward as there is a considerable sum of money that will be needed to begin the process of design even though we may be using the plans from 2007-08. Mark will send the original architect a list of needs for changes
- A suggestion is taken under advisement to use a Design and Build company which may be the least costly route
- Going forward committee will need to design a timeline
- Kathy will contact Sheila Harrington to inform her of our project and she if she has suggestions; and will visit the new Barre Police Station
- Fred reviewed articles from the "07-08' study and planning. Town had about 10 years invested in thinking, meeting, brainstorming, talking, fact finding, researching and designing for a new building that was turned down by the voters. At some point Art will look through the documents as well.
- We are hopeful to have the Ashby public be interested in this project to be able to finally complete it. We think to publicize it on social media, through various groups in town and at public meetings, of which this is one....all are welcome.
- A final statement of the meeting; the current police station <u>cannot</u> be modernized or shored up

Meetings are held on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Tuesday of the month; 6p to 7:15 in the Selectman's Meeting Room of the Town hall

Meeting adjourned: 7:03

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Panagiotes