

Public Safety Building Issue

Tuesday July 31, 2007 at 7 pm

Agenda

It was decided at the July 16 Town Council/Community Workshop that the July 31 Workshop would be devoted to determining the process and timeline that the Public Safety Building Committee should use in making the next recommendation to the Town Council and the community. The committee and Council are to keep in mind the project costs and its affect on the property tax mil rate.

1. Membership: Who is going to serve on the Public Safety Building Committee?
2. What is the price range that the community is willing to spend on public safety buildings?
 - a. The committee will work with the Town Manager to determine what amount would be available and still keep the mil rate at 12.5 given upcoming retiring bonds.
 - b. How much have other communities spent on similar buildings over the last two years
3. Committee should approach nearby communities (Monmouth, Readfield, Manchester, Wayne) to determine if there is any possibility for regionalization efforts.
4. Should we renovate/expand any of the existing buildings for use as safety buildings?
 - a. If yes- Town Council will hire an architect, develop a budget, set timeline.
 - b. If no- look at alternative sites:
 - i. Branding Iron,
 - ii. Health Center,
 - iii. Landfill buildings,
 - iv. Joe Jones Building

v. any school areas (such as the old High School shop area)

vi. public works area behind the fire station.

c. The committee will consider that all departments do not need to be in one location.

5. If PSB Committee recommends an alternative site, the Town Council will hire an architect, develop budget, set timeline
6. If no alternative site is acceptable, PSB Committee will review the original proposal and consider paring costs, building the total project in phases over many years, consider an engineered steel building. Report recommendation back to Town Council by (date set by Council).
7. What is the date in which the Town Council wants a final decision?
 - Referendum question for November 6 election, due by Sept 17th.
 - Special election/decision by the Town Council
 - June 11, 2008 primary date.
8. Plan for communication of process and recommendation.