

WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX COMMITTEE

FINAL REPORT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 10, 2015

Board of Selectmen,

On October 17, 2013 the Board of Selectmen created this committee with the following charges:

1. Identify what is needed in the building by the Police and Fire Depts. (i.e. secured area details, # and dimensions of bays...)
 - a. What is ideal
 - b. What is practical and affordable and necessary for Williamsburg
2. Determine preliminary design and size of a building – conceptually what is in the building – how many bays, bathrooms, holding area etc.
3. Identify possible locations for the building
4. Determine/Identify available funding options/sources
5. Report to the Board of Selectmen by April, 2014 (*interim report delivered 4/3/14*)

We are pleased to present to the Board our final report that accomplishes these goals and wish to thank the Board for the opportunity to have brought this important project forward to this point. We also wish to thank and acknowledge the help of Anwar Hossain of DRA Architects who has compiled this report with our input and guidance. He has done an excellent job of distilling the needs of our town into a concise and targeted report while taking into account the geographic and economic constraints that our location imposes.

This report consists of three studies that represent three different scenarios that the town may wish to consider and use in its process for providing a new safety complex for the Fire, Police and Emergency Management Services departments. The first represents an answer to the question posed in charge 1a, what is ideal. The second study answers the charge posed by 1b, what is practical and affordable. The third study addresses the possible incorporation of the James School for a portion of the facilities, with its projected costs to answer charge 3, possible locations. As outlined in the report, we were unable to identify any other locations in town that met the criteria as set out by this committee. However, if another site should come up for consideration, the parameters and costs developed in Study #2, would be applicable to other sites with considerations for site constraints.

Charge 4 asks that we identify funding sources for this project. While we did not institute an in-depth survey of grant possibilities, we did ask several sources for recommendations. While we were unable to find any grant opportunities at this time we do feel that having a grants coordinator for this project might prove productive and is worth pursuing. In addition, the town has significant reserves that would be available in some portion to offset borrowing costs.

One final note that our committee would like to emphasize is the need to move on to the next phase of this project without undue delay. The conditions of the present facilities and the constraints that they impose on the operations of the town's emergency response departments represent a continuing liability that will only get worse with time. We are offering with this report a short video that clearly demonstrates the need for new facilities.

Sincerely,

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