Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee
Minutes

April 12, 2017

Called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman, Bill Sayre - after enough members had arrived to make up a quorum. Present: Bill Sayre, Dick Kisloski, Daryl Springman, Don Lawton, Jason Connell, and Denise Banister, Denise Wickland Absent: Mike Wayne, Dan Banister, and Louis Hasbrouk. Also present: Nick Dines. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

 Potential sites were again listed. The Town Highway site was discussed. It was noted that any place that the complex is located on the highway garage site:

* Some structures/buildings would have to be torn down
* There is no room for any expansion
* An access road would need to be constructed across the 500 year floodplain
* Storage would be displaced; highway employees’ parking would be eliminated
* Site safety would be difficult
* Therefore, it was concluded that there is not enough room to locate a safety complex on this site.

And so it seems that the potential sites remaining are:

1. The James School site, 16 Main Street
2. The Lashway firewood lot at 29 Main Street
3. The Lashway site at 45 Main Street

Before we list these potential sites in the newsletter, we decided it would be prudent to approach the Lashways to determine if one or both of the sites were available. It was decided that Louis Hasbrouk and Bill Sayre should approach the Lashways, with Jason Connell as alternate. The offering of the Haydenville Police/Fire Station as a potential swap to hold down the purchase price of a site was discussed.

All agreed that:

* We need to set a long-term goal (a process involving many boards and committees)
* The building of a Police and Fire Safety Complex should be the main goal
* We need to set the cost – and how the cost will affect the tax rate
* We need to determine how the town can afford this
* We need to establish consensus
* The Public Safety Complex Committee members need to go out into the community to sell the project.

. Dick Kisloski reiterated that people need to understand what this is going to cost them (voters informed as to cost and what they are buying).

Next regular meeting is set for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L Banister