

**Meeting Minutes West Boylston
Facility Implementation and Strategic Planning Committee
1-28-2015**

Attendance: Kevin McCormick, John Hadley, Christopher Rucho, Siobhan Bohnson, Carol McGuiggan, , Jay Dugan

Absent: John DiPietro, Ray Bricault, Marcia Cairns

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chair, John Hadley.

Discussion of the senior center

Mr. Hadley announced that the Selectmen are in the final stages of negotiations with the Bethlehem Bible Church. While the negotiations are not completed, they have asked the Town Administrator to begin the process of preparing a purchase & sale for the property for consideration by the Board of Selectmen. In response to questions by Ms. McGuiggan, Mr. Gaumond answered that the financial aspects of the deal are not yet completed but could be announced at the next Selectmen's meeting on 2-4-2015. Members of the CoA who were present were satisfied with the news and will await further news.

Discussion of the Police Station

The Facilities Committee was joined by Chief Minnich. Chief Minnich announced that he has received a revised cost estimate from Lieneck which was presented to the FISP. He is still anticipating a modified floor plan and an analysis of required aspects of the building. The revised cost estimate call for construction costs of roughly \$2,331,990 plus furnishings, contingency and professional services to bring the total to roughly \$2,988,990. Mr. Gaumond announced that of that amount \$180,000 is expected to be the cost to develop the plans to go to bid with. Mr. Hadley acknowledged that this is the number we should go to Town Meeting with in May.

Motion by Ms. Bohnson to move forward with the request for \$180,000 at the May Town Meeting for the architectural fees to design a new Police Station on Town Property on Route 12, second by Mr. McCormick. All in favor.

Mr. Rucho asked how the Town Administrator would expect to pay for this cost. Mr. Gaumond acknowledged that he would not find these monies in the operating budget. He suggested stabilization fund or other one-time funds might be tapped for this project. Chief Minnich will respond to Mr. Lieneck on the outstanding items and forward them to the Town Administrator.

There was an ongoing discussion on the timing of the request for these funds. Mr. McCormick was concerned that we would not have the time necessary to sell the community on this. After discussion, the Town Administrator, Chief Minnich and Mr. Dugan were tasked with the project of developing a

rough operational cost estimate to share with the FISP. Other questions which will be important will be the impact on the taxes.

Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of 11-20-14, seconded by Ms. Bohnson. All in favor.

Mr. Gaumond informed FISP that the Selectmen has recently adopted goals for 2015 which include the work on a new Senior Center and Police Station. The goals release and project worksheet for the project were shared with FISP in Draft form.

The next meeting of the FISP will be 2-25-2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. Rucho, seconded by Mr. McCormick. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Leon A. Gaumond Jr.