



Building Committee

Building Committee Meeting Minutes
 Monday, April 7, 2014 @ 5:00 pm
 The Auditorium at the Provincetown Town Hall
 Called to Order: 5:01 pm

Membership:

P	E	U	Name	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Coen, Chair	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick Murray, Vice Chair	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Murphy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Shea (arr. 5:10)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leif Hamnquist	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheila McGuinness, Alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voting

(Note: P = Present E = Excused U = Unexcused)

These minutes are in brief format.

This meeting was filmed by Provincetown TV

Also Present:	
Elaine Anderson, BoS Chair	David Gardner, Acting Town Mgr.
Tom Donegan, BoS Vice Chair	Mike Canizales, FinCom
Austin Knight, BoS	
Erik Yingling, BoS	

Order of Business:
1. To, possibly, discuss Special Town Meeting warrant article 7, Funding for Police Station Feasibility Study with the Board of Selectmen. (Votes may be taken).
2. To review the Committee's report on Special Town Meeting warrant article 7, Funding for Police Station Feasibility Study. (Votes may be taken).
3. Minutes of prior meetings, as time permits. (Votes may be taken).
4. To attend Town Meeting and make reports on warrant articles.
5. Other - Other matters that may legally come before the committee not known at the time of posting. (Votes may be taken).

2. The Committee’s Report on Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 7 (taken out of order)

Tom noted that the Finance Committee has voted unanimously to not recommend the article. The Board of Selectmen has not yet voted, but has entertained the possibility of modifying their motion to provide a lesser amount of funding to continue preliminary design for the police station at the VFW site only. The Acting Town Manager believes that the best way forward is to ask Town Meeting to vote the article down and, thereby, eliminate the current Shank Painter Road as a possible site for a new police station.

Don indicated that, based on this information, he has changed his position on the article, and would join the majority.

Motion # 1: To reconsider the Committee’s previous decision to not recommend Special Town Meeting Article 7.			
Motion By: Sheila McGuinness		Second By: Leif Hamnquist	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

Motion # 2: To not recommend Special Town Meeting Article 7, and to approve the Committee’s report.			
Motion By: Don Murphy		Second By: Leif Hamnquist	
For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Recuse:

The Committee reviewed its report to Town Meeting and found it to be OK.

3. Minutes (taken out of order)

The Committee reviewed the minutes of its February 10th meeting.

Motion # 3: To approve the minutes of February 10, 2014.			
Motion By: Leif Hamnquist		Second By: Sheila McGuinness	
For: 4	Against: 0	Abstain: 1	Recuse:

1. Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding Special Town Meeting Article 7 (taken out of order)

At 5:30 pm, the Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss its position with regard to STM Article 7. The BoS voted to agree with the Building Committee and the Finance Committee by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. Town Meeting

The Committee attended Town Meeting. Warrant article 7 was moved before Tom was able read the Committee report, but a copy is attached. Article 7 failed by a wide margin.

5. Other

(None).

List of documents reviewed:

1. *Committee report on STM article 7 (attached).*
2. *Draft minutes of prior meetings.*

Next Meeting:	TBD
Adjourn:	5:45 pm
Minutes by:	Tom Coen

Approved by  on June 17, 2014
 Thomas Coen, Chair



STM Article 7 – Funding for Police Station Feasibility Study

In our opinion, the current location on Shank Painter Road is not suitable for building a new police station, and it is a waste of the tax payers' dollars to spend any more time and effort evaluating the site.

Looking at it from a strictly financial viewpoint, the current site presents two significant challenges:

1. In order to build a new police station at the current site on Shank Painter Road, we would have to temporarily relocate the police station to another site during construction. The preliminary estimates of the costs to do so range from \$650K up to \$1M.
2. Because of the high water table and possible flooding problems on Shank Painter Road, the architects have advised us that the site preparation costs will be very high compared to other site options.

At our Special Town Meeting in October, we voted to purchase the former VFW site on Jerome Smith Road for the purpose of building a new municipal building and/or affordable housing. The current plan that we have can accommodate both on that site without incurring the additional costs associated with the current site on Shank Painter Road.

STM Article 7 – Funding for Police Station Feasibility Study

The Building Committee does NOT recommend this article to you tonight by a vote of 5-0-0, and we urge you to vote against it

Respectfully submitted,

 on April 7, 2014

Thomas Coen