

Provincetown Building Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2021, 4pm

The Provincetown Building Committee held a remote public meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4pm in keeping with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, *Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law*.

Members: Tom Coen (L), Sheila McGuinness (P), Paul Kelly (P), Don Murphy (P),  
Leif Hamnquist (U), Linda Fiorella, Alt. (P), Lisa Westervelt, Alt. (P)  
(P=Present, L=Late, E=Excused, U=Unexcused)

Also present: Alex Morse, Town Manager; Jorge Cruz, Flansburgh; Jim Golden, Chief of Police;  
Paul Millett, OPM Environmental Partners; Sabrina Castaneda, Environmental Partners;  
Daithi Blair, Flansburgh

Upon the arrival of the Chair, Tom Coen was unanimously reelected. Paul Kelly was unanimously reelected as Vice Chair.

There were no statements from the public.

Jorge Cruz and Paul Millet led discussion in the process of planning a new Provincetown Police Station. Respecting the consensus that the building must support the needs of the Police Department program previously defined through the needs assessment, Jorge presented the 2019 floor plan with two additional façade options for the building—both included changes to obtain a more “traditional” look in response to concerns voiced by the public in public and individual communications. Among these are the removal of louvres; removal of the overhang & redesign of the east- and west-facing walls; more traditional windows; redesign of front to a porch-like entrance; changing the cladding to brick walls/slate roof, or ship-lap siding/shingle or metal roof. He said these changes would increase the costs.

Paul began by discussing costs and a timeline. In 2016, a new building was estimated to cost \$6.4 million; and in 2018, the current design—which went in front of the voters—was estimated to cost \$9.7 million, confirmed by actual bidding plus contingency. Today, the same building design is estimated by Flansburgh and by Environmental Partners at \$12.5 million for hard costs, and \$3 million for soft costs—all of which are required to complete the project.

The Town Manager discussed the possibility of putting an article on the warrant for Town Meeting this October. If that were the case, OPM said bids would be due November 29, 2021; to be in front of town boards could take 6 weeks or so; the project would take 18 months to build and 1 month to move into, which means the move-in would be August 2023.

Because committee members wanted to discuss additional changes to the building's design in response to the public's concerns, an article on the warrant of Spring Town Meeting 2022 seemed more doable. If that were the case, Paul said bids would be due January 28, 2022, and the move-in would be October 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm to allow a previously scheduled meeting to begin.