

Facilities and Space Needs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 7th, 2022

1. Call to Order 9:06 am

2. Roll Call Present

Larry Carlson

Susan Alexandre

Jason Corbin

Mary Ann Rush

Jeffery Franson

Sheldon Drucker

Percy Stevens

Michelle Tourangeau

Boriana Dolliver

Anthony DiLuzio

Non-Committee Attendees: Peter Kahn: Wes Elliot: Chri Logan, Matt Buttrick, Mandy Cummings

3. Approval of February 28, 2022 meeting minutes

There was an addition of Mandy as a participant to those minutes, so there'll be an amendment to include Mandy.

4. New Business

Facility and Need Committee discussion of Space Needs

Context prepared questions so that each member could respond with their own thoughts and vision.

Sheldon

Independent space at the College Campus. Duplex building on stilts for parking holding both Police and Town offices, Make the Dunaway upgrades code compliant with meeting rooms and an extension for parks and rec and performing arts.

Mary Anne Rush

Welcoming and safe, and productive environment kept up with the charm and character of the community. Renovations or new structures depend on the architect's recommendations and cost. Police station on the campus but are open to the architect recommendations. The police department is the priority. The School and the Dunaway are essential to the community. Honoring the Dunaways for their contribution is necessary and keeping some OVS as a remembrance. The community will continue to give us excellent ideas as we move forward.

Larry

Welcoming environment for residents, especially, but it also can be a showcase for visitors to the town. As far as new construction vs renovation, I would like to see 2 new buildings. Neither one of these buildings is something that I think are great. I would like to see them rebuilt in a sort of an old New England Town Hall-like place and I know that is not reality. In reality, I think we have to renovate the Dunaway Center and I think the decision on OVS as to whether something has to be done has to be after the study is done.....but certainly would be open to new construction. The entire plan must be cost-effective and makes sense to the public.

Ian

Financing will be necessary to the community. Lessening the tax burden through grants and loans. The Police Department is a priority. The architects will give us the recommendation for all the needs. The Dunaway should be used for the community programs for kids and adults and offer the premises; revenue-generated facility.

Borianna

I am most passionate about the Community; Summer Camps and kids' programs are essential. A Culture Director is necessary to expand the programming. The Police and the Town Hall are a priority. My vision is one site that works together. The School is a community treasure that I would like preserved.

Anthony DiLuzio

What is important is the value not to save or lose a building; maintain the accessibility and dignity of the Police department. Buildings are built for 25 years and could last for 100; we must do it right rather than revisit it in 10 years and spend more money.

Jason Corbin

The priority is the Town employees and the Police Department. I suggested attaching the Dunaway and the Fire Department. The Town Administration should have its building. The Dunaway is an excellent building for parks and rec, performing arts, and kids programs. We can offer the facility for parties and groups for revenue-generation: This depends on a Culture Director. It's best to start new and renovate depending upon the cost and recommendations; each building can be done in Phases.

Michele Tourangeau

We need a new Police station as well as take care of the Administration. Parks and Rec needs a Director to bring the community events and culture to the next level. This is the right time to hire a Director. We have been given a huge gift to redesign the buildings. I love what everyone has said.

Jeffrey Franson

I would prefer new construction of OVS yet incorporate similar architecture to honor the historical value. I thought that the space between the Fire department and Dunaway could become a new park: In the end, what is best financially is most important.

Susan Alexandre

I like the idea of the Police station being in the lot behind the Dunaway Center and the OVS., or I like the idea of the Police station being between the Fire station and the Dunaway Center. The Dunaway must stay as a community center: keep the playground and the basketball court.

Percy

The police department should be a priority. There is no parking issue. The community center should be one building. We haven't used the OVS, utilized the space. The basketball park could be moved and the park should stay. It's going to come down to dollars and cents.

Group discussion on various issues

We discussed Parking and the space between the fire department and Dunaway. The concern is more paved space and sustainability. The basketball court needs a new surface. The programs in the Dunaway had low attendance because of parking issues. Others mentioned that there is adequate parking. The town will have electric Police cars and charging stations. Michelle asked Chris if there was a study on the parking; Chris said it's not in the scope but will be considered. Sheldon brought up the handicapped parking and the possibility to attract grant money. Jason brought up the many parks in Ogunquit and the need for a Park and Rec Director; there are grants for a basketball court with a 50 percent match; we can save money by having a grant writer, Larry discussed the importance of that the playground: it's always used and we need a nice green area and with a porous material vs. parking. There will be continuous discussion as we get into phase two.

5. Public Comment

Wes Elliott

Use the Dunaway as intended: There needs to be a new building for the Police and Town Hall,

Peter Kahn

Peter's thoughts and concerns that he believes would be important in the final analysis.

Better need for transparency to make it easy to find documents. Better understand the population trends for the future. What are the voter rolls to understand demographics as it pertains to voting? What is the breakdown of the population by school-age and by adults? Study the available jobs in town: do these jobs allow people to buy properties in town. Explained the increase in police officers. We clarified to Peter that this was a 30-year projection. What was the justification for the space needs?

Believes the police department can be the entire basement floor of the Dunaway. Why does the police department need a training room? Does it save us 5 million to move to another location? The consensus was that these were good questions.

6. Discussion with Jeffrey and Chris, Larry

The draft report is just the beginning; the process will be on through Phase 2 as well as vetting it with the Select Board. Peters's comments are welcome and can be addressed but the process is too early. . Chris mentioned that he has had another interview with the Police department to clarify their requirements. The Chief of Police is working with Context on the space requirements. Overall the next report will have more details to discuss as we continue to refine the data.

**Please note that every effort is made to capture the essence of the meeting in these Minutes; however, they are not an exact replication of all items discussed or comments made. If you would like an actual replay of the meeting, please click on the link below which should allow you to watch the entire March 7, 2022 meeting on Town Hall Streams (Duration: 1:33:42).*

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Sheldon reminded everyone to turn the clocks forward this weekend.

7. Mary Anne asked for a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and accepted.

8. Next meeting is March 14th, 2022 at 10:00 am