

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WORKING GROUP

April 13, 2017

Minutes

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Members Present:

Pat Brusch, Mark Paolillo, Roy Epstein, Anne Marie Mahoney, Phyllis Marshall

Members Absent:

Jennifer Fallon, Floyd Carman

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am.

The members held a brain-storming session on issues surrounding short and long term solutions for the police station, DPW facility, library and incinerator site. Topics discussed included:

- Can we move all police locker and shower facilities to the light building for the short term?
- What are alternate, short term uses for the gym area, garage bay and shooting range in the police station?
- How much can the library realistically raise in private fundraising?
- When will the state offer another library grant round?
- What short term investments should be made by Capital Budget in the existing library building?
- Should we consider the Purecoat site for police or library?
- Should the incinerator site be kept as storage space for DPW, solar farm, commercial development?
- What about the communications tower on top of the police station?
- What interest do town committees have for affordable housing on the Concord Ave. strip which includes the police and electric light buildings?
- How can this town owned parcel on Concord Ave. be sold and developed to finance the Police/DPW/Library building projects?
- What effect do the Community Path plans have on the DPW and police sites?

The committee agreed to cease discussions of property such as Purecoat and the corner of Underwood St. and Concord Ave. at Clay Pit Pond for police or library construction and to focus on the property the Town currently owns and seems suitable for either building. Too much time and discussion has already been wasted on properties that cannot easily come to fruition.

The committee agreed to meet with representatives of the Police, DPW and Community Path at their next meeting and to meet with the Library Trustees soon after.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie S. Mahoney  
Committee Chair