



Capital Committee

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CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **December 13, 2022, 10:30 AM** **MEETING ROOM B**

Present: Bruce Glowac
Tracey Celentano
Kelly Sterner
Mark Roberts, Resident State Trooper

Bruce Glowac called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Tracey Celentano made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kelly Sterner. Motion passed.

Tracey Celentano made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1 meeting seconded by Kelly Sterner. Motion passed.

New Business:

- a. Bruce Glowac asked Trooper Mark Roberts to share his ideas for capital projects for the Essex Police and Animal Control. Trooper Roberts stated that he would like to expand and renovate the existing Police Station and turn the first floor into a garage for the Police cruisers. Trooper Roberts proposed building on top of the existing station and that space would include a more inviting entrance for the public, offices, and a conference room for meetings and training.

Mr. Glowac asked Trooper Roberts if the old IGA building or the Essex Elementary School (EES) would be an option for the police. Mr. Glowac said that there's a full wing at EES that could be used, on the east side of the building.

There was discussion of building a new station on the Fire Department property: headquarters and a garage. The headquarters would be outfitted with offices, a gym, locker room, and showers.



There was general discussion about the size of the Essex police force and how many troopers would be ideal. Trooper Roberts stated that he didn't expect significant growth in the Town and that 7 to 8 officers would be ideal.

There was general discussion about a new Animal Control building and possibly relocating the animal control building to the property where Household Hazardous Waste events were held, across from the entrance to the Town's Transfer Station.

b. River Road Sidewalk/Bridge Project

Tracey Celentano stated that the committee should regroup with John Guskowski, Bob Doane, and Ryan Welch to settle on an action plan.

The committee's next meeting will be with John Guskowski, Bob Doane, and Ryan Welch on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:30am.

Bruce Glowac made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. seconded by Tracey Celentano. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyson Finnegan