

**MEETING NOTES**

Police Station Blue Ribbon Committee

Location: Grange Building

Date: January 24, 2008

Members in Attendance	Guests in Attendance
William Braun Derek Oram Philip Connors Michael Melnick Nicholas Palermo Robert Stein Anne Hollows Mathew Murphy John Reutlinger	Greg Carell, Carell Group, Architect Chief Peter Fadgen, Sudbury Police

1. Meeting opened with a review of minutes from previous meeting and additional information was added to the minutes.
2. Greg Carell provided two new design studies (A & B) containing revised options.
3. There were brief comments concerning the importance of a sally port; whether drive thru or not.
4. There was much discussion concerning the tour of the Hanson Police Station.

Topics specifically discussed were:

- a. **squad room**; including if area existed for roll call/shift training.
- b. **juvenile office**; including the importance of privacy for citizens discussing family juvenile problems.
- c. **community meeting room**; where the best location of it should be.
- d. **costs**; concerning the completion of the police station.
- e. **cost per square foot**; a great deal of discussion centered on this issue.

- f. **Hanson police station plans;** (committee would like to review these plans in depth.)
- g. **committee interested;** in Sudbury police station possibly being modeled very carefully after the Hanson police station including the 14000 square feet
- h. **prisoner checks**
- i. **fitness room**
- j. **two story/two floor facility**

## 5. Construction of new Sudbury Police Station

Topics specifically discussed were:

- a. **community support;** public education is going to be absolutely vital for project approval.
- b. **maintenance issues;** use of brick results in absolutely minimal maintenance.
- c. **primary purpose of a police station;** – to properly serve the public safety needs of the community – I. e. proper storage of evidence so that the community wins its police court prosecutions.
- d. **police morale; very important** however, not the primary reason for building a police station.
- e. **police efficiency;** brought about by good functional police design.
- f. **police comfort;** not a consideration.
- g. **current police station site;** probably not large enough for construction of new station and/or rehab of current one.
- h. **two story/two floor facility;** looks like this would be the most economical but also functional.
- i. **exercise space;** discussion took place on not labeling an unfinished room a fitness center. The police association request is to use, if possible, some unfinished area of bldg as an exercise room. The association has said it will furnish the exercise equipment – at no cost to the taxpayer. To label this room a fitness center is misleading and inaccurate. Suggested alternatives were – label room unfinished, exercise room, or police association room.

6. ***Police station visits***; decision was made to attempt to set up tour of the new Acton Police Station.

Meeting ended at 9:23 pm.