



Town of Medway

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Medway Police Station
315 Village Street

Tour Summary

The Finance Committee was invited to an Open House at the Medway Police Station located at 315 Village Street as well as others. Those present included:

Finance Committee: Brian Cowan, Chair; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Bruce Carbone; Nick Fair; Jim Sullivan.

Municipal Staff: Michael Boynton, Town Manager.

Police Department: William Kingsbury, Chief; Lt. Jeffrey Watson; Lt. Jason Brennan; Lt. Peter Fasolino; Detective Sergeant Lauren Swarthout; Janice Hart, Administrative Assistant.

Select Board: Glenn Trindade, Chair; Frank Rossi, Vice Chair; Todd Alessandri, Clerk; Dennis Crowley; Maryjane White.

Facility Review Committee: Timothy Harris; Glenn Trindade (Select Board Representative); Cynthia Sullivan (School Committee Representative); Brian Cowan (Finance Committee Representative); Karen Nowicki (Capital Improvement Planning Committee Representative).

School Committee: Cynthia Sullivan, Chairperson; Preston Gale.

Others: Susan Westcott Alessandri, Debi Rossi.

At 7:00 PM Town Manager Boynton briefly reviewed the history of the station, noting that when it was completed in 1991, there were only 18 staff members working in shifts. With a total of 35 individuals working there now, the building is crowded and its usage is limited in efficiently meeting all the demands of those individuals in compliance with local, state and federal laws. In short, the needs of the community have outgrown the current building which was constructed with what is known as a “Yankee Frugal” approach.

Chief William Kingsbury introduced police personnel who would participate in the tour including: Lt. Jeffrey Watson; Lt. Jason Brennan; Lt. Peter Fasolino; Detective Sergeant Lauren Swarthout; Janice Hart, Administrative Assistant.

At this time, attendees viewed a PowerPoint presentation depicting not only existing conditions within the station, and comparisons to optimal conditions at a joint Fire/Police Station in Wells, Maine, constructed five years ago.

After the presentation concluded at 7:17 PM, Chief Kingsbury spoke briefly about storage issues as every available space in the building is being used. Mr. Boynton noted that the classroom is not too small to be used for training or emergency operations. Additionally, state and federal laws have changed on the required spaces or how space is to be used, i.e., municipal buildings are now required to have a lactation room for nursing mothers, and the criteria for creating such a space.

At this time, attendees were escorted through the three floors of the building, shown through office areas to view administrative offices, dispatch, locker rooms and showers, booking room, vehicle bay for delivering individual to booking, breathalyzer room, interrogation room, staff break room, impound area, long-term evidence storage, fitness room and other areas. It was noted that the vehicle bay should actually be what is known as a “sallyport” constructed as a drive-thru where the vehicle can pull in, unload, and drive out. Chief Kingsbury credited the Department of Public Works for doing some much-needed painting and maintenance work that greatly improved the appearance of many areas.

At 8:12 PM participants returned to the classroom area for light refreshments. Attendees expressed thoughts on how to approach the idea of either constructing a new building or renovating/expanding the present structure, population projections for 50 years out, anticipating updated or new technology advancements and increasing staff levels to meet future needs. A ballot question on the fall presidential ballot was suggested. Brief discussion followed.

The event concluded at 8:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliard
Night Board Secretary*