

**CANDIA SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 20, 2021
APPROVED**

SFC Members Present: Brien Brock (BOS), Mike McGillen (PD), Mark Chalbeck (PB), Rick Langlois (PD), Joe Flanagan (FD), Russ Dann (BOS)

SFC Members Absent: Jim Wilson (FD)

Guests: Dean Young (FD), Sue Young (BOS)

Brien Brock called the SFC meeting to order at 5:00pm immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for April 6th, 2021. None noted.

M. McGillen made a motion to accept the April 6th, 2021 SFC Minutes as presented. Seconded by R. Dann. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. Brock summarized the discussions from their last meeting of different parcels in which Mr. Severino offered to do a land swap with the Town on one of their parcels located by the Court House off Route 27. The Board also talked about purchasing a parcel located on Bleven's Drive and showing it with and without the property cleaned up and removed of junk in the yard. A disposal company has gone to view the property and will be giving the Town a cost estimate to include that in what ever they would buy and to arrange a deal with the Property Owners. Mr. Severino had offered the Town the parcel on Route 27 which has over 8 acres and it is a much larger parcel and that is what they are looking for. After speaking with B. Chivers, they will not try to do a land swap deal with the Owners on Bleven's Drive, because it would be very confusing, and it would not look right.

B. Brock confirmed that the BOS has scheduled a Public Hearing on May 4th, 2021 in order for them have access to the Funds that were set aside for Capital Improvements of the Trust Fund that they had put together. The Board would then have the opportunity to vote and expend some of the funds needed. He noted that B. Chivers had received a price to have an appraisal completed for the Route 27 parcel of in the amount of \$3,000. He felt that the price was very high and will find out more information on what the cost includes before they have their Public Hearing.

B. Brock stated that right now the immediate need is for a bigger building for the Police Department. The Fire Department can function fine for a while in their current building. The Highway Department can operate the way they are right now, but there may come a time that they will require a building. At this point they need to get this larger piece of property and to lay it out showing the public that it can accommodate all three Departments. They are looking to begin with the Police Department and execute it in small pieces at a time so that Residents will support it, rather than the entire package showing an outrageous cost amount that the residents would turn down.

J. Flanagan pointed out that building the facility in different stages and adding to it as needed will require tearing down new walls and adding new foundations. If they choose to build the facility all at once, combining all Department together, there would be large grants available to help with the costs.

D. Young stated that he is in favor of a new Police Department but is not in support a Safety Facility Complex at this time. The money that they have been saving for the Fire Department is not for a new Safety Facility Complex, but for an addition on the existing Firehouse that would give them enough time of approximately 20 years. At that point he could see adding the Fire Department to the Policy Department.

M. Chalbeck stated they will need to inform the public that the Town Office Building is not working adequately for the Police Department and there many safety concerns as well.

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Public Input: Paul Fleming (resident) had questions for the Board and asked why it would need to be a new building for the Fire Department? B. Brock answered that at this point they are only looking for land to build a Police Department, and if to add the Fire Department and Highway Department as needed.

B. Brock added that the next step is to have T. Severino come to their next meeting and have a discussion and ask if they have any property they would like to swap with the Town.

MOTION:

R. Dann made a motion to adjourn the SFC meeting at approximately 5:51pm. M. McGillen seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chandonnet
Administrative Assistant