

## **MINUTES**

### **Sanbornton Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIPC)**

**Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Old Town Hall, 19 Meetinghouse Hill Rd, Sanbornton, N.H.

Members of the Capital Improvements Program Committee attended the Building Construction Committee meeting to learn about their proposal for either a renovated Town Offices building to include the Police Department, or a standalone building just for Police. CIP members in attendance included Bob Lambert, Chair Andy Sanborn, and Jody Slack, with Nina Gardner and Selectman Jim Dick also serving on the BCC and presenting.

The BCC explained that there are safety issues at the current police station, including no restrooms dedicated to detainees, exposure to the public, no secured garaged for detainees to be taken from a cruiser into the building, and very limited space for evidence and weapon storage. That building was not built with safety in mind whereas the current building that houses town offices was built with concrete blocks and would therefore make a good police station. The existing town offices will be expanded to the left of the existing building closer to the pond but still with a 40-foot buffer to the water.

Selectman Dick stated that any building with detainees that cannot self-egress must have a fire suppression system which is expensive; Chair Sanborn asked if there will be an insurance discount for having this and Nina stated that they do not know yet. Jody asked where this system's water would come from; Ken Carleton responded that it would come from a 15,000-gallon cistern. The existing town offices have water pipes running throughout which would damage important records if a pipe were to burst. When surveyed about the working conditions at the town offices, Nina explained that almost all employees said that the amount of space is adequate but the configuration of the space is not efficient. Chair Sanborn asked if a basement can be put under the town offices for storage, the BCC took note of this.

Nina reiterated that the proposal for a town office/police station renovation at the existing town offices is the preference for the BCC. The standalone police station behind the library and Old Town Hall is being proposed as a second option because there may be residents that only want to address that department now. But this option is more expensive and does not address the town offices at all. Nina noted that the cost for either project will only get more expensive the longer it is put off and bond costs are low right now.

The total cost for the standalone building is \$2,600,032 which would add \$108 per year in taxes for ten years on a home assessed at \$300,000.

The total cost for the renovated town offices/police station is \$2,172,764 which would add \$51 per year in taxes for ten years on a home assessed at \$300,000.

The BCC's report is on the town website and feedback forms are available.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Audry Barriault, CIPC Secretary