

## Charlton Fire Station Building Committee

### Members:

Chairman Ralph Fiske	Present	Secretary Rob Barton	Present
Brian Ouellette	Present	Robin Craver	Absent
Joe Haebler	Present	Dave Ryan	Present
John McGrath	Absent	Keith Cloutier	Absent

### Vertex Members:

Kevin Heffernan-Absent

### Tecton Members:

Dennis Ross and Rebecca Hopkins

### Also in attendance:

Todd Girard, Conservation Agent  
Gerry Doble, Finance Committee Member  
Lt. Dan Dowd, Charlton Police Department  
Jason Cantara, Charlton Fire Deputy Chief

Meeting held on April 23, 2019 at 1000

Motion to accept the minutes from the 4/22/19 as printed with one correction, Dave Ryan was absent  
Haebler

Second-Ouellette

Passed with 1 abstain

Rebecca gave an update on the upper site and lower site, states they have changed the reference to each site to make it less confusing. Rebecca states we should have the cost estimates next week, states they have been sending information over as they get it. Rebecca states the site line from Masonic Home to the building on the Upper site will be level with building. States they will show the connection from the PD parking area in the back of the building to the access road.

Rebecca states the engineers are stating the crossing will have to be lower on Masonic Home Rd, before the secondary driveway to Overlook. States it is not practical to have the crossing higher up due to the topography. Rebecca states there is a 4% grade off Masonic Home to the crossing

Rebecca then talked about the lower site and the setback that are needed. Todd Girard spoke as the Conservation Agent and informed Rebecca how the Conservation Commission feels about working around wetlands. Todd stated as long as we were not in wetlands, it was acceptable. Question was asked to Todd about the possibility of a future building on the lower site and Todd states it would be possible based on the wetlands. Todd gave the committee an overview on the thoughts of a wetlands crossing and how Conservation Commission deals with requests.

Dowd asked about the advantage of either site, both sites have pros and cons. Rebecca talked about the bedrock location on both sites and depending on the site would dictate the type of foundation. Much discussion about the pros and cons to either site and it was decided to wait till the cost estimates come in before we decide on which site to choose.

Rebecca asked Todd about a boardwalk to go from the new building to the existing police station over the wetlands, Todd stated yes it would be possible.

Rebecca gave us an update on the Geotechnical survey that was completed on both sites. States the lower site has bedrock at 4-4 ½' and the upper site has bedrock at 8- 8 ½'. Question was raised about the depth that is needed for the foundation. Dennis stated that there would be different foundation options for either site. States one part of the building could have one type of foundation and the second one would have another.

Rebecca gave an update on the overview of the building floor plan, with not many changes. Discussion about shifting the layout of the EOC/Training room from an instructor's perspective and student perspective. Also, by reducing the space for the furniture storage closet, we could add some bathroom fixtures.

Rebecca states Phase 1 environmental is complete, noted a gasoline leak on N. Main Street (Old Highway Site). We stated that the site was deemed cleaned. Rebecca states that radon is present.

Rebecca states the survey is complete and waiting on the civil engineers final site plan.

Rebecca discussed the traffic study, waiting for the final count. Reports Rt. 20/Masonic Home as a preemption device as well as N. Main / Rt. 20. Rebecca states preliminary the traffic engineers are saying Masonic Home and Main St. needs something, traffic light, rotary, something. Traffic engineers are reporting that the traffic on Masonic Home Road is light enough and it will not require a full traffic light, most likely just an emergency vehicle exiting light.

Rebecca asked about the possibility of natural gas in town at some point, committee advised not for many years. Rebecca will have the building designed for propane as far as estimating.

Question was asked to Rebecca whether there would be blasting necessary on the upper site. Rebecca states that they will need additional geotechnical surveys to determine that. States bedrock is more solid than ledge.

Question was asked to Rebecca about total square footage for the building, states they are at 39,000 square feet at this time.

Discussion about the upcoming public presentations scheduled, Rob gave an update. States May 2 at 2 pm at the Overlook, May 2 at 630 pm at the Town Hall. May 9 and May 16 at 1830, also at the Town Hall. Rob is waiting for confirmation from the Lions Club, Dudley Charlton School Board as well as the Charlton PTO. Will be reaching out to the Grange also. Rob requested the committee to authorize the purchase of (8) collapsible easels to be used to display the boards.

Motion to purchase (8) easels at \$50/each.

Haebler

Second by Ouellette

Unanimous

Next meeting scheduled for 5/6/19

Motion to adjourn at 1115

Haebler

Second by Ouellette

Unanimous