



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Boxborough Building Committee
MEETING DATE: April 12, 2023
TIME: 5:30 PM
PLACE: Town Hall, Middle Road

BBC members: Gary Kushner (clerk), Les Fox (Chair), Al Murphy, Hugh Fortmiller, Priya Sundaram, Larry Grossman, Owen Neville,

Missing: Bill Litant, Bryan Lynch, Diana Lipari, Than Stuntz

BBC Advisory: Chief Paul Fillebrown, Chief John Szewczyk

Non-members: Context (Jeff Shaw)

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM by the chair, Les Fox
The minutes for March 22 were moved by Owen Neville and seconded by Al Murphy 5-0-2, approved.

Public Safety Facilities overview document is available on the BBC webpage. It was handed out at the COA lunch on April 12. Al asked about the impact of the current facility to the employees and the taxpayers. What are the issues if we do not replace the buildings. How do we indicate to the taxpayer the issues? Reviewing plans and potential issues in the apparatus bays. Attrition due to facilities and cost of hiring. Recruitment in police department for diversified force (women's locker room). Exit interviews? Potential legal issues via union grievances or general issues (OSHA).

Need to create a better narrative document about the needs. Les stated the town has a moral obligation to provide a safe and adequate work environment. Larry volunteered to put together the document headings or outline of what should be addressed. Les asked Owen to help with documenting the personnel viewpoint. Public safety cannot cut back on services. Priya suggested we look into the HS video group/club to see if they can help create a 3 or so minute video rather than a walk through. They had done this for the new Douglas-Gates school. Talk about what is needed in 50 years and not so much in the near future.

Emergency management materials are stored in multiple locations around Town (Town Hall, trailer, museum, etc), increasing time required to find the material when needed.

Narrative should address employee health issues based on current facilities (airflow, food area, sleeping quarters, etc).

Gary indicated that Mary Brolin helped drive the West Acton Elementary school (the boardwalk campus); Les to talk with her regarding communication model.

700 Mass Ave

Gary asked if there is a document that shows where the \$3M came from as we haven't seen any docs. Well zones at issue and impact with septic system. Keith was asked to follow up on the questions and documented in the minutes. Continued concern on the space for public safety.

Potential of 14 to 15 housing units on Stow Road. MBTA communities zoning is 10% maximum affordable. Gary asked about time frame for housing and Al believes it will be months.

Gary asked about the Lincoln properties site on 1320 Mass Ave, but there is a concern regarding Lincoln properties and their proposed 3 building project.

Owen left at 6:47PM

Larry will follow up with Keith Lyons regarding project and appraisal for 700 Mass Avenue. Al asked about the Simon Corson memo (on BBC website) and why they are ignoring the message.

Gary left at 6:51PM, thus losing quorum, so the formal meeting dissolved. Les will take a poll to set time of next meeting.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

1. BBC minutes for March 22
2. Notice to proceed for Context Architecture structural evaluation of police station.
3. Agenda for April 12, 2023

