

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing
Monday, December 10, 2012

Present: Chairman Smith; Selectmen Darcy, Ebbighausen, Rideout and Schill, TA Collins.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing in accordance to RSA 41-14a regarding the acquisition of property located at 8-10 Main Street to be donated to the town and read the posted notice.

TA Collins gave a hand out to the public Titled The Hinsdale Police Department Downtown Site Study.

Peter Tennant spoke to the public regarding the size of the property and showed that the design of the building the Police Department building was previously working with, if the location was going to be up by the School, would fit on the Main Street location. The property location of 8-10 Main Street is .28 acres. Mr. Tennant slightly modified the old plan. The sally port was located on the side of the building, he moved to the rear of the building. He spoke in regards 8-10 Main Street location having the room to expand and the possibility of expanding up, as well. He showed a rough idea of expanding up he had.

The question of the flood plain was asked and it is not located in a flood plain.

TA Collins mentioned that the purchase of the adjoining property would have to go to Town Meeting. RSA 21-14-A, The Selectmen can accept the donated property.

Public:

It was asked if this was the location of where the new Police Department would be. No, it is just a sketching of a possible design and location.

A decision has not been made to the location, but this is a preferred location.

The purpose of these Public Hearing are to discuss with the public acquiring Mr. and Mrs. Major's donated property.

The Public had concerns about the location costing the Town more money and feels it should be the Major's responsibility of demolishing the building currently on 8-10 Main Street. Another concern was having people hanging around the Police Station, if the location was down town. Selectman Ebbighausen asked Police Chief Faulkner if, currently at the River Street location, if there were a lot of people hanging around. Chief said only when people are being picked up or brought in. Selectman Schill discussed the worth of the property as a gift and valuation of the property with and without the building.

Mr. Major mentioned that there would be more money in his pocket if he did not donate the property. It was asked where the money was coming from to take down the building. The Selectmen have a fund set aside for re-development. About \$300,000.00 is in that fund.

It was asked if there would be a full basement in the plan. No the new Police Department would be on a slab, basements are more costly and have a tendency of moisture problems.

It was asked if tearing down the building at 8-10 Main Street would have to come before Town Meeting. No it would not, the building would only be torn down prior if there were safety issues.

It was asked if it was possible for the Town to sell some of their property to help fund this project. The Selectmen said they would look into it.

It was discussed of possible saving the white building behind the unoccupied building and possible bidding it out and have it moved.

The purpose of the garage behind the proposed plans would be. Chief said that the purpose is to keep the police vehicles in a secure location.

It was discussed further that the Police Station located on River Road has outlived its life and the other department located down there would need the growth for expansion, as well.

7:10 p.m. Public Hearing was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Marshall
Secretary.