POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES June 12, 2023

Steve Dalessio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Trevor MacLachlan, Jay Punt, and Peggy Pschirrer; Cheri Watkins and David Adams were present on Zoom. Andrew Dey and Chief Justin Sanctuary were on vacation.

The agenda focused on potentially available property for the new Police Station. The Committee has communicated with property owners on Route 12 to discuss possible purchases. The Committee agrees the most desirable piece of property is a three-acre portion of the 9.4 acres owned by the European Company who owns Stop and Shop, Hannaford's etc.

Amy Booth called Peggy Pschirrer to report that she now represents the agency handling the property on Route 12 next to Shaw's and that is under contract to Dunkin and will close June 30. The new owner is interested in selling acreage to the Town of Walpole. Its sales agreement protects the ballfield on the property for a year.

The Committee agreed they should look for options for the ballfield and negotiate for space for the new station with exits on the Upper Walpole Road.

RFP's have been sent to potential architects, but no one has responded at this time.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on August 7, 2023, in the Selectboard office at 6:30 pm. A public meeting will be held August 23, 2023, at 7 pm in Town Hall.