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***Facilities Study Committee 2011-2012
Police Facility Evaluation
Thursday, June 23, 2011***

The first meeting of the 2011-2012 Facilities Study Committee was called to order at 7:00 by Tad Putney, chairman of the BOS. Present were members Chris Adams, Bill Atkinson, Peter Cook, Brendan Denehy, Clarence Farwell, Francis Garvin, Dennis LaBombard, James Sartell and Ann Somers. Also present were Gerald Roche, Jr., and Judy Cook.

Introductions were made and the charter was reviewed. Tad stated that the reasons for evaluating now the possibility of completing the Safety Complex with the construction of the postponed police facility include: Bonding – three bonds are maturing by 2013; Financing – rates are low now and unlikely to remain so; Space needs – with a full complement of police officers, the present facility is more constrained than ever; Construction costs – likely to be low in the current economic climate; Space needs for the upper Town Hall staff – also growing.

There was preliminary discussion on a number of topics: whether or not there is a need to provide for Brookline's own dispatch service; other projects competing for tax dollars (RMMS and CSDA roofs, possible purchase of Monius property on Main Street); funding constraints; fitting into the Capital Improvement Plan; selling the project to voters (and some committee members).

Peter Cook was elected chair, Ann Somers was elected secretary. Minutes from the 2008-09 committee, covering in-depth research and the most recent PD plan, will be provided to all members, as will some available supporting materials. While the primary focus of this committee will be on the police facility, the expansion potential for the services provided in the upper Town Hall will be considered as well.

The next meeting, June 29th, will include a walk-through of both the PD and the Town Hall offices. Subsequent meetings were scheduled for 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. If we elect to present a proposal at Town Meeting in March 2012, we must be essentially ready in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Somers