

7/2/18 TC meeting excerpt

- Municipal Building Subcommittee Update – Councilman Roseff updated the Council. They had their 3rd meeting. They have visited the Andover Police Dept., Lafayette Municipal Bldg. and the Byram Intermediate School Open Space area. The group is starting to build some consensus. He stated that the group was amazed at the low cost for the Andover Police Station and Lafayette bldg. The subcommittee had an open discussion with the BOE. School population has dropped 28% over the years, which is why this space is available. The BOE asked what areas of the building Byram would want to use, how we would access parking, how we would access the building, etc. Our next step is to have another sub group met with Senator Oroho and reviewed what he was proposing. They will look at Blairstown and Stillwater, and possibly the Verizon building that Roxbury is repurposing. Fred Braun, one of the builders of the foundation of the administration/police section of the building, may be attending an upcoming meeting to give some history about it. At the next subcommittee meeting on July 16, the estimator who provided a cost estimate of the conceptual plan that was drawn up several years ago will be attending to explain how he arrived at the estimate. Scott asked if Steve Panek will be attending the July 16th meeting to hear the estimator speak. Alex will follow up. David recalled that the estimator explained to us why the cost per square foot was so high. David was interested to hear how he will be explaining it to the subcommittee.

Alex commented that the subcommittee has been great and very engaged. They would like the Township to continue moving forward with the BOE on investigating this option further. Joe has looked into financing this type of project and talked briefly about it. Harvey stated that we needed to explore the option of Court, and would like to talk to Andover about the future of court. The subcommittee would like more info about the court to know if they need to plan for it now or in the future. Joe will add court as a discussion to our executive session at the next meeting, and he will further research the allowable contract length for a joint court.

A few members of the group met with Senator Oroho about the legislation regarding the public/private partnerships that he is sponsoring. They also briefly talked about the possibility of repurposing a portion of the School's office space for municipal space. The Senator liked the concept and stated there possibly could be grant money out there for it.