

TOWN MEETING

Ray Jefferson, Chm, Police station Building Committee

- 1.) Stand in strong support for Article 6 (Construction of new Police Station and Joint dispatch facility)
- 2.) 6 years Building Committee has been working on this project

A.) RIGHT SIZE BUILDING

- 1.) 20,000 square foot building and 1,500 square foot renovation of the Fire Station for our new Joint Dispatch Center
- 2.) Sized for today's Police force with 400 sq/ft growth mainly in the men's and woman's locker room area and an auxiliary office on the upper floor.

B.) RIGHT PLACE

- 1.) Next to existing Police Station, Joined to the Fire Station with a common entrance.
- 2.) First Town on Cape to join Police and Fire stations and common share of Training/EOC, Dispatch, Record keeping room, Fitness Center, Locker rooms, Communication tower, and many other sharing opportunities. (true Public Safety Facility)

C.) RIGHT TIME

- 1.) Even though the economy is poor by building this year we receive the following benefits.
 - a.) Construction industry is hurting and we received General Contractor bids a million dollars lower than the

estimates of the Professional estimators hire by the Architect

- b.) Bonding costs are at an all time low and Town will be getting a very low interest rate because of it good credit rating.
- c.) Short term financing for 2008 will be at 2.5%. Long term financing could be 4% or lower.
- d.) Getting the Joint Dispatch Center up and running we start getting the cost savings associated with this new center.
- e.) Operating expenses comparison between present Fire and Police Stations to new Public Safety Facility show annual savings of over \$40,000 in utility and maintenance costs.(includes Janitor/maintenance person and benefits)
- f.) Building material costs continue to rise, even in a poor economy, so waiting another year will add costs in the 500-600 Thousand dollar range for a project of this size.

TAXPAYERS COSTS

This translates into the following costs for taxpayers:

The money will be borrowed with a 20 year payback, and will add 15 cents (per thousands in valuation) to the tax rate. This amount will drop to 8 cents in the twentieth year. For homeowners with property valued at \$504,500 the cost will be \$76 the 1st year, dropping to \$40 in the final year.

Average over 20 years, the cost will be \$60 per household per year, or \$5 per month.

FINALLY

The facility will be a Green building (LEED) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. We have used the LEED check list to incorporate as many of the green designs that are most cost effective to the project and Town. The infrastructure for Solar Panels will be installed to the Out Building so we can install Solar panels on this structure at a later date. In fact we are only 2 points from being able to becoming LEED certified. The Committee agreed that the large fees required for certification weren't worth the expense to get a certificate.(\$500,000)

We highly recommend you support this Article this evening and at the ballot box on May 20th.