

# Town of Newbury, MA

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## Municipal Building Committee Meeting Minutes 2015-01-26

### Town of Newbury Municipal Building Committee

#### MINUTES

DATE: January 26, 2015 *Approved as written, 3/5/2015*

Present: Eric Svahn, Chair; Steve Fram; Sam Joslin; John Lucey, Jr. (part-time); Richard Ronder; Martha Taylor  
Absent: Tracy Blais; Mike Doyle

Eric Svahn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

- **Protection Fire Company #2:**

E. Svahn reported that T. Blais was waiting for a formal offer from Protection #2 for the sale of its vacant land to the Town; the letter was due by the end of the day.

- **Site Options and Considerations:**

If Protection #2 does not make an offer or if the Company and the Town are not able to reach agreement if an offer is made, Option 1 – a new combined Town Hall and Police Station on the current site, as approved at the October 28 and December 9, 2014 joint meetings with the Selectmen – will be the remaining option. The Committee discussed the advisability and/or desirability of presenting two options, one showing an entirely new building and one showing a phased approach consisting of an addition to the existing building for the Police as the first project, with renovations to Town Hall as a second, later project. Once the Committee receives a response from Protection #2, it will make a recommendation.

- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

In answer to questions that have been raised by residents, the Committee discussed including two questions on an FAQ sheet which is being developed: 1) What if Newbury were to join the regional dispatch system; and 2) What if Newbury were to contract with another community for police services.

On a motion made by R. Ronder and seconded by S. Joslin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:  
TBD**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Taylor, Town Planner  
MBC Secretary