

**Town of Rehoboth  
Municipal Building Study Committee  
Notes of the Meeting on January 13, 2020  
Location: Council on Aging Building**

**Present:** Frank Barresi, David Foss, William Maiorano, Joe Nunes, Carolyn Panofsky, Richard Panofsky

**Guests:** Edward Rowse, architect; Jim Muri; James Trombetta; James Medeiros; Laura Samsel

**Call to Order:** 5:07 pm

**1. Minutes of Meeting on December 9, 2019**

- The draft had been distributed by email. D. Foss moved approval as written; C. Panofsky seconded; the motion carried.

**2. Potential acquisition of modular building from Dartmouth, MA**

- Police Chief J. Trombetta presented an opportunity requiring immediate consideration: The Town of Dartmouth, MA, is selling a modular building that was used to house their Police Department during construction of a new building. The ten modular units comprising 7,780 square feet were designed and constructed as a complete, approved police facility building, furnishings and furniture included. The facility lacks holding cells.
- If the Town of Rehoboth were to evaluate this option moving forward, we would pay for disassembly, transport, and reassembly. Our site (receiving property) would need concrete footings and a new septic system and well. Initial discussion suggests that this option would cost significantly less than the design and construction of a new police facility as has been planned.
- A site walk-through in Dartmouth is anticipated on January 29, and Committee members are invited to join. The group considered aspects to check and verify during the visit and afterwards. One issue is ensuring use for between 20 and 30 years.
- If the Town of Rehoboth moved forward with this approach, we would install this police facility, then remodel the current public safety building for use solely as the fire headquarters/station, and then initiate a Town Hall and Animal Shelter project.

**3. Public information sessions and other publicity**

- The possibility of a change in plans affects our upcoming January 23 public information session. W. Maiorano moved we cancel that meeting; C. Panofsky seconded; the motion carried.
- The next public information session will be Tuesday, February 18, at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center.

**4. Discussion, preparation of RFQs for design phase OPM**

- R. Panofsky distributed discussion draft copies. Members are invited to make suggestions. The copies are not for distribution. A next step will be to contact town officials about the draft and the required attachments and forms.

**5. Other business: Any other business which may come before the MBSC**

- The next business meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, at 4:30 pm at the Senior Center.

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**Adjournment**

- R. Panofsky moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm; W. Maiorano seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Barresi, Chair

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Richard Panofsky, Clerk

MBSC Agenda January 13, 2020  
Senior Center — 5:00 pm  
Business Meeting

Discussion, preparation of RFPs for design phase OPM and A/E  
Public information sessions and other publicity  
Any other business