

A special meeting was called by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Middle School Cafeteria. Ms. Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present.

Christopher G. Timson, Chairman  
Al DeNapoli, Vice Chairman  
Clifton K. Snuffer  
David Sullivan , Clerk

Also Present:

Police chief Rick Stillman, Deputy Police Chief Scott Bushway, Assistant Town Administrator Jim Johnson, Building Maintenance Superintendent Don Anderson.

### **Robbins Road, Police Station Discussion**

Selectman Snuffer presented a power point presentation to the audience regarding the use of parcel 25-11 for a new police station.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Board asked the audience for their input. The following issues and concerns were raised by Robbins Road and neighborhood residents:

1. Why can't the police station go in the quad area? How can the Town say that this cannot be done downtown. The group wanted to be convinced that it cannot go downtown. Some mentioned that they believed moving the police station would hurt downtown. One person said that the main focus of the discussion focused to much on why it will not work downtown.
2. There was a concern that this would decrease property values in the Robins Road area.
3. There was a concern that traffic will increase, spotlights will come in people's houses, the area looking very trashy and they want "at least a 200ft buffer".
4. Why can't it go on Rt. 1A going towards Norfolk?
5. People asked about a site plan. Where did the town come up with a cost estimate? There was a question as to where they came up with a cost estimate if we don't have a site survey.
6. What is going to happen to the old police station?
7. Why can't the new police station go into the old library?
8. If it was voted down why is the Board of Selectmen bringing this back?
9. Why is the new building not being constructed on the school and stone street site? (where the new library is going)
10. One person felt that the Town would be "hiding" the police station at Robbins Road.
11. Someone feared that the Town would push the Fire Department up at Robbins Road once the police station is completed.
12. They wanted to see what the proposed police station looks like superimposed on a Robins Rd overhead picture.

13. Someone asked when the town would borrow the money if the override was approved.
14. One person asked the town to show them what type of building we are basing it on.
15. People asked what was the game plan new Police station , new Fire station and then what ....what other buildings are on the list and where do they fall on the list?
16. If the police station does not go up at Robbins road what are some other uses that could go up there?
17. Could the police station go up at the landfill?
18. Someone asked for more overhead pictures of the "Bay circuit trail"
19. Someone also asked if the police station could be placed at the center pool.

The Selectmen explained to the audience they would look into each of the concerns raised.

MOTION moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. VOTED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted

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David Sullivan, Clerk