



To: Planning Board Chairman Todd Frederick

Planning Board Members

From: Lee Jay Feldman, Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

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Subject: York Police Station Project

Mr. Chairman and Board members, I want to first apologize for not being able to attend this meeting as I had a previous commitment. Steve and I want to keep you and the public abreast of the most recent activity surrounding the police station project.

On December 13, 2013 both Steve and I had the opportunity to walk the property and have a better understanding of the property and proposed project layout. We, as a group, will also have this opportunity once the project starts to go under review again in the near future.

As a follow up to that walk Steve and I met with Andrew Johnston the project engineer from SMRT as well as Steve Burns, the Community Development director, who on that day was representing the interest of the applicant as Manager Yandow could not attend the meeting. The intent of the meeting was to see what the applicant had for information, give them direction on the submittal of updated information and provide ground rules on how we plan to proceed with the project if and when it is submitted. At that meeting, we discussed a number of issues that included: issues surrounding the survey, the development of the communication tower, access onto Route 1, project management representation and the ordinances and submission process.

There were 5 specific issues we directed them to address at the sketch review with this board. They include:

1. Accounting of how we got to where we are today with the project.
2. Explanation of the Restoration Plan and the amended DEP permits allowing this work.
3. Clarification of the boundary dispute and where this issue lies at this time.
4. Clarification of jurisdiction as to what items are being reviewed i.e. Wetlands, Floodplain, Site Plan, etc.
5. The Community Development Office is covering \$12,000 of the expenses for the Planning Board to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review completed. The consulting contract is for \$31,690 and the applicant must cover the difference of \$19,690.

During that meeting, Mr. Johnston and our team agreed that they would submit the revised information on time to be heard at a January 23 meeting for sketch plan which would be the only item heard that evening and the board could focus on this matter directly.



To date, we have not heard from the applicant or the consultant on this project so we do not plan on having the meeting scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. As things continue to progress we will keep you up to date. We will also have a web portal which all of the information will be kept on so that the public will be capable of viewing that at any time. The town staff has been developing that site and as soon as it is available we will let everyone know.

Sincerely,

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