

**Town of Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee**  
**Minutes of May 13 2024 site visit at Police Station**

*Members:* Jack Mitchell (chair), Michelle Siudut (secretary), Jennifer Jones (BOS rep), Kat Niemiroski, Brian Duffy (swasey rep), Gabbie Kelly

*Guest:* Doug Finan

The committee met at the Police Station at 6 pm. Chief Ventura gave a tour of the station. The current set up is not ideal, but “it’s functional”. Most offices/storage areas/closets are too small for their purposes. Sallyport does not act as a sallyport, but is storage; new facility will not have a sallyport as any dangerous persons would be brought to the county jail. Flooding continues to be a problem, especially with all the rain this spring. Chief has made an effort to clean out unnecessary items (old boots, old evidence, etc). There are no interior cameras in the current station.

The department has a new digital fingerprint machine, which was paid for, in part, by a grant.

A design firm Weston and Sampson has been hired, but no plan has been finalized, however a feasibility study has been approved. A new building will give officers a sense of pride and will help with recruiting. Plans for the new facility would include a conference room large enough to bring in trainers, rather than sending officers out for training (this would be a cost savings).

Chief would like an outdoor range in town but not at the new facility. Currently they use neighboring police ranges and are discussing putting in a range at Quikrete.

Chief is hoping to hire a new, very qualified FT in June. This will bring department to 11 FT officers, 2 PT officers and 1 civilian (admin). He hopes to have a total of 12 FT by 2027.

When asked about the clearing by pavilion; this may be the site of the future police station, or if not it will be parking. When asked if the Castonguay Pavillion would remain, it was not known as there are no final plans yet. Ideally, Chief visualizes the property at the Rec Center becoming the town center. Chief will be holding public sessions the week prior to the municipal building committee meetings, to provide updates and also to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and provide input. He hopes to have a plan to present to the town at Town Meeting next year.

Visit concluded at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary