



## Support Police Station

- State of play today:
  - The current police station, located at 26 Shank Painter Road on a third of an acre of land, is inadequate to meet the departments's and the town's needs.
  - A building committee was selected in 2012 to design the Police Station. They explored:
    - Rebuilding on the current site,
    - Purchasing an adjacent parcel from a retiring doctor and combining that site with the existing police station site,
    - Placing the police station on the VFW site,
    - Placing the police station on another town-owned site: 16 Jerome Street
  - To save money from purchasing more property or a temporary move, the decision was made to focus exclusively on town owned sites (VFW and 16 Jerome Smith) with the final recommendation being 16 Jerome Smith.
  - Five years later, at the April 2017 Town Meeting, \$8.6 million was approved to build a new police station at 16 Jerome Street, as proposed (vote: 206 to 35 or 85% approval).
  - Two years later it was clear the proposed price for the police station was substantially short of what was needed. At the April 2019 Town Meeting attendees were asked to approve an additional \$3.9 million (a 31% increase from the price tag and bring the total price to \$12.5 million) to allow the construction to commence. Concerns about the site, the size, the design and the financing all came into play. 62% of attendees approved of the incremental \$3.9 million, short of the two thirds needed on the first vote. On a second vote, 64% approved the incremental \$3.9 million but it was still 8 votes short of the two thirds required.
  - The new Town Manager has reconvened the original building committee as of June 2021 and work has begun anew to define next steps.
- PPRTA recommends:
  - The development of a proposal for Town Meeting attendees to consider that will provide sufficient funds to replace the existing Police Station.

