



Amesbury Technical Review Committee
October 29, 2024

MDC Building
39 S Hunt Rd.
9 am

Administrative –

1. 7-16-2024; 8-6-2024 Minutes

Rob Serino was acting chair and called the meeting to order at 9:24 am.

The July minutes were not ready for approval.

Nick Cracknell motioned to approve the 8-6-2024 TRC Minutes. Seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

Property Updates –

1. Ordway and Orlando – Bailey Property update

Nick Cracknell commented that there was an order before City Council to surplus the properties at 5 and 9 School St. The intent is to cut the 5 School St. lot in half and keep the parking behind the building to transfer to the library. The house would be restored as a single-family home. The Ordway school would go back to the mid-19th century look without the 1980s additions. It would be allowed to have up to 8 units with up to 8 spaces. It would probably have 4-8 units.

Rob Serino questioned how that would impact parking for police and fire. Nick Cracknell responded that they were negotiating with the church for a new agreement, and the intent is to secure parking through that and retainage of all the remaining property at 13 School St. If the City did not surplus these properties, then there would be a serious amount of money needed to demolish them and put in a parking lot. This is an opportunity to get money for a sale and put them back on the tax rolls to generate money.

Rob Serino commented that the fire department and the police station need an expansion and expressed concern that the sale may jeopardize those opportunities. Nick Cracknell responded that the 5 School St. property was bought for the library through a City Council order written in 2001 or 2002. All this is proposing to do is transfer the back of the School St. property to the library. Only 8 parking spaces on the Ordway side would be reserved for the Ordway. There would still be municipal parking.



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The City is looking at long term planning and has other plans that don't involve using those properties.

Chief Nolan commented that more public safety facility space will be needed with all of the new development coming into the City.

2. Traffic Ordinance Updates

Deputy Chief Lauren Blatchford commented that they were making efforts to update the traffic and parking ordinances. The intent is to clearly list fines and the streets with their corresponding speed limits.

Ordinance –

1. Outdoor Dining Ordinance

Becky Frey commented that the intent is to put an Outdoor Dining Ordinance in place before the applications for the 2025 season would come in.

Nick Cracknell commented that the members should review the materials provided and we can discuss this in detail at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Jim Wilson motioned to adjourn at 10:18 am. Seconded by Rob Serino. The motion passed unanimously.