

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
(POLICE & FIRE STATION)
TIMELINE PRIOR TO REFERENDUM VOTE

- **Engineering Report from Dirigo Engineering regarding the Fire Station received on January 14, 2014.**
- **The Public Safety Building Committee was created by the Selectmen on July 22, 2014.**
- **The Selectmen voted to hire Ames Associates, LLC on January 23, 2018.**

A motion was made by Soren Siren and seconded by Gene Rouse to award the Public Safety Building Engineering RFP to Ames & Associates, LLC for Phase I architectural design, allow Christine Almand to sign the contract and negotiate the cost.

Vote: 5/0

- **The Public Safety Building Committee and Ames Associates, LLC looked at potential properties and decided on the property located on Dunlop Lane (Map 4, Lot 4-3) The criteria they used was:**

Response time
Lot size and shape
Neighborhood impact
Adequate utilities
Land and development cost
Constraints (environmental/topographical)
Visibility and views

- **The Board of Selectmen voted the following on April 24, 2018:**

A motion was made by Darla Pickett and seconded by Soren Siren to authorize Christine Almand to sign a Purchase and Sales Agreement for land located at East Madison Road/Dunlop Lane in Skowhegan Tax map 4 lot 4-3 owned by Clarice B Dunlop, for a future Public Safety Building contingent upon a Town meeting vote, expend an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00 for an earnest money deposit on that land from the Fire Department Reserve Account, Fire Station Improvement Designation and hold a Public Hearing on May 8, 2018.

Vote: 5/0

- **A Public Hearing was held on May 8, 2018.**

- **The purchase of the land was voted at the June 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting (Article 68):**

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a piece of property (a portion of Map 4, Lot 4-3) from Clarice B Dunlop for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 as the future site for the Public Safety Building. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Motion and second as written.

Motion and second to allow Jeff Johnson to speak.

Passed

Motion and second to allow Ames & Associates to speak.

Passed

Amended motion and second to change the word “future” to “potential”.

Amended motion failed.

Original motion as written passed.

- **Public Safety Building Flyer was sent out in every tax bill the week of October 8, 2018.**
- **A Public Hearing was held on October 16, 2018.**
- **The referendum vote on the following question, voted November 6, 2018 for the Public Safety Building, failed:**

Article 2: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, which bonds or notes may be made callable, to construct and equip a public safety building on Town land located on East Madison Road (a portion of Tax Map 4, Lot 4-3)?

Treasurer’s Financial Statement
[30-A-M.R.S.A. §5772 (2-A)]

1. Total Town Indebtedness:		
A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$	13,104,750.00
B. Bonds authorized/not yet issued:	\$.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this Question is approved:	\$	8,500,000.00

TOTAL **\$ 21,604,750.00**

2. **Estimated Debt Service Costs:** At an estimated interest rate of 3.3 %, the estimated costs to finance this Project over a term of 20 years are:

Principal:	\$ 8,500,000.00
Interest:	\$ 3,199,368.00
Total Debt Service to be paid through maturity:	\$11,699,368.00

3. **Validity:** The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service or the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Gail R. Pelotte, Treasurer,
Town of Skowhegan

Board of Selectmen recommends a "Yes" vote.

Vote: 1322/1893