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Plans Underway for Capital Campaign Steering Committee to Raise Funds for Charlton Public Safety Facility

Charlton, Mass., January 27 2020: In late December 2019, the Charlton Board of Selectmen appointed a steering committee comprised of Charlton resident volunteers. Members will soon seek private and corporate donations intended to lower the amount to be borrowed, and the tax burden on Charlton residents, to construct a new public safety building. *“I am very thankful for the talented and generous folks from our town who have stepped up to volunteer on this committee”,* stated Selectman Karen Spiewak, who was asked by her peers to spearhead the organization of the committee. *“I have no doubt this campaign will be successful. Thousands of dollars in pledges have been made already, and we’ve yet to launch the official campaign.”*

Private funding sources will include major corporate gifts, grants, “rounding-up” opportunities from businesses, and an invitation to pledge donations and to name sections of the building.

At Charlton’s annual town meeting on May 20, 2019, voters approved the appropriation of \$28,500,000 to construct and equip a new public safety building. On August 13, 2019 voters did not support a ballot question that would have funded the entire amount via a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion. The initial (May) vote was not contingent upon the second (August) vote.

For more information about the building project go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Charlton-Public-Safety-Building-850912418591495/>

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About the Charlton Public Safety Building Capital Campaign Steering Committee:

The Charlton Board of Selectmen appointed members to this committee at its December 17, 2019 meeting. All members are volunteers and Charlton residents. Committee members include: Stephen Coleman, Alli Jenkins, Monique Lemaire, Noreen Johnson Smith, Lois Sugrue, and Karen Spiewak.

The committee is charged with creating and implementing a plan to raise funds and awareness for the Charlton public safety building.