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To: Joseph Mooney
Board of Finance

From: James B. Cosgrove
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Re: Police Services and Facility

Chairman Mooney,

As you know, at the October Board of Finance meeting, the Fire Chief presented a staffing and facility plan to meet the growing demand on Fire Services. Although the Board took no formal action at that time, the presentation and following discussion provided valuable insight as to the potential financial impact the Town might incur to meet the demand. Given that, overall public safety is significant in maintaining Branford's standard of quality of life, I am requesting the Board of Finance hear a presentation from Police Chief Mulhern. Similarly, to Fire Services, there are growing demands being placed on Police Services. The Department is looking to meet these demands through staffing, operations, and facility improvements, as well.

I am attaching three supporting documents for the Board's review. The first document, *Analysis and Overview of the Growing Demands on Police Services*, provides thorough detail and will aid in the decision making process when considering increasing staffing, or other operational changes.

The two other documents are directly related to the police station renovation project. One is a power point presentation outlining deficiencies with the current

facility, and the scope of the proposed project. The other is a preliminary cost estimate of just below \$20M at Design Development with contingencies and escalation. The Public Building Commission recently voted to support the scope of the project. However, the team is exploring opportunities to reduce the projected cost.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Cosgrove', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James B. Cosgrove