

**The Fire Station Building Committee
A Sub-Committee of the Board of Selectmen**

Draft Minutes of Meeting of October 24, 2005

A meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** was held on Monday, October 24, 2005, in the central meeting room, Town Hall, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Members Present: Chairman Joe Calistro, Vice Chairman Dwight Rowland, Paul Antinozzi, Louisa Cunningham, Chief Andrew Esposito, Steve Francis, Beth Heller, Peter Hershman, David King, Jim Urbano

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Dean Petrucelli & Michael Martin, Silver/Petrucelli, Jim Sabshin, BOS, Suzi Mizzoni, Board of Fire Commissioners

Call to Order:

Chairman Calistro called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion (Francis-King) to approve the minutes of the 10/19/05 meeting as amended (file). Motion passed unanimously, Mr. Hershman abstaining.

Mr. Calistro began the meeting with his comments on use of the existing fire house and a suggestion that committee members walk the site of the new fire house. The committee members have all been on site. Mr. Sabshin was asked to comment on his email correspondence with Mr. Dey regarding going to bid prior to referendum.

Comments for Architect:

Mr. Rowland explained the goal of the meeting: to give comments to the architect, give him guidance of what to do next, and to pick a date to meet with the BOS and the Board of Finance.

Committee members shared comments and concerns with Mr. Petrucelli. Mr. Petrucelli reiterated each of the building schemes could be placed on any of the site schemes, so buildings A-C could work on site plan D. Comments and concerns included specific design issues, project cost, parking spaces, and publicity. Site selection and compromise/protection of the 100' buffer were discussed at length. Mr. Petrucelli and Chief Esposito explained none of the first floor operations could be moved to the second floor.

Mr. Antinozzi offered some suggestions for how the building could be built for much less. Discussion followed including design options, material options, and parking spaces, as well as on the direction given Mr. Petrucelli regarding design and the budget goal. Mr. Petrucelli cautioned the committee to be sure they are willing to accept the cost saving changes they may present to the BOS as those options are likely to be what is approved. Discussion also took place on the existing firehouse and educating people on any decision to not utilize it as part of the new fire building project. Motion (Antinozzi-Cunningham) to direct the architect – at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 -- to revisit the design to address the matter of the stated budget goal of \$5.5 million and in doing so consider some architectural changes to provide an elegant and simple appearance to the building. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Petrucelli will come back in two weeks to present the new scheme(s).

Motion (Calistro-Rowland) to ask the architect to achieve the goal of 50-55 parking spaces while, to the greatest extent possible, minimizing the amount of property used within the 100' buffer. Discussion followed. Motion passed 5-2 in a role vote (Y: Calistro, Antinozzi, Esposito, Hershman, Rowland; N: Cunningham, Urbano).

Invoices:

Clerk's Invoice: Motion (Esposito-Cunningham) to approve payment of the clerk's invoice for summary minutes of the 10/19/05 meeting in the amount of \$150. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, motion (Esposito-Calistro) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Cotton Bogush
Clerk

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, November 7 (time & location TBA)

Attachments on file:

1. Amended minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting
2. Silver/Petrucci, proposal for architectural and engineering services related to phase IV