



December 13, 2005

MINUTES OF FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 30, 2005 - TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwight Rowland, Joe Calistro, Paul Antinozzi, Fire Chief Andrew Esposito, David King, Jim Urbano, Peter Hershman and Louisa Cunningham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beth Heller, Steve Francis

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Petrucelli, David Stein, Mike Martin - Silver / Petrucelli, Don Smith (Consulting Engineer), Jim Sabshin (BOS), Suzie Mizzoni (Fire Commission)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Calistro at 6:06 PM.

Minutes

Hershman moved and Urbano seconded to accept the Meeting Minutes of November 16th as presented. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Following acceptance of these Minutes, there was discussion by Chief Esposito concerning the need to educate the Inlands Wetlands Commission on the findings / recommendations by the Town Siting Committee during their investigation of town owned properties for both the new Fire Station and Public Works Facility.

Public Comments

Jim Sabshin of BOS expressed concern about the document prepared by Tony Genovese (Woodbridge Finance Director) pertaining to the bonding impact the new Firehouse would have on the taxpayers as it did not appear to be clear. He will seek to have this clarified.

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Architect's Proposals

Silver / Petrucelli did not have their Proposal for the DOT / Traffic Consultant and Geotechnical Engineer available for discussion but they will email it before the Committee gives their report to the BOS. Discussion followed on this Proposal and it was concluded that a Soils Scientist would also be added to same (per the requirements of Inlands Wetlands).

It was noted that this additional work being proposed by the Architect would not go into effect until Phase II (Design Development) of this project, after the BOS has accepted the Fire Station option.

Urbano moved to have Calistro / Rowland inform the BOS at the BOS next meeting of these proposed services and costs for informational purposes ; King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Architect's Report

The Architect distributed floor plans, building elevations and site plans for six (6) options, all 2-stories : Option Nos. 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E1' & 'E2'. The goal at this meeting is to narrow these down to three (3) specific options for presentation to the BOS.

Don Smith submitted three (3) generic site plans that would accommodate each of these building options. All site options eliminated the detention pond and included direct burial pipe as recommended by IW ; they also addressed the 100' buffer from the Skolnick property as well per IW. Each plan indicated a different buffer from the stone wall to the building ranging from 65' to 100' and a varying number of parking spaces accordingly.

Chief Esposito expressed concern about having the main driveway close to the building where people would have to cross to enter as per Site Plan Alternate 'E' ; the Architect will work on moving the drive to the right of the site.

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Antinozzi moved and Urbano seconded the motion to have the Architect develop at least one (1) of the final site options with the 100' buffer from the stone wall (Antinozzi, Cunningham, Urbano and King for ; Calistro, Rowland and Esposito against). Motion passed.

Much discussion followed on each Option as they were carefully reviewed for design as well as program needs, based on the handouts provided. All Options assume that the Fire Department's antique vehicle will be located at the existing Firehouse as well as include minimal storage of non-essential items.

There was discussion on adding a basement for each of these options, which the Architect stated is feasible depending on the final orientation of the building ; the Committee was in favor of having the Architect include these.

When asked about their preferences for the (3) final options, the Architect responded Options 'A', 'D' & 'E2' (with the 13 degree offset wing).

Chief Esposito moved and Urbano seconded the motion to eliminate Option 'C' due to its size. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Esposito moved and Cunningham seconded the motion to accept Option 'E2' as one of the 3 to have the Architect further study. Motion passed unanimously.

Antinozzi moved and Cunningham seconded the motion to accept Option 'D' as one of the 3 to have the Architect further study. Motion passed unanimously.

Urbano moved and Cunningham seconded the motion to accept Option 'A' as one of the 3 to have the Architect further study (Calistro, Rowland, Cunningham, Urbano, Esposito, King and Hershman voted for ; Antinozzi abstained).

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Therefore, the Architect was instructed to further refine Option Nos. 'A', 'D' & 'E2' based on the comments noted and that all will have basement options as well as incorporate adequate storage to meet the program needs. They will prepare estimates for all three (3) Options for the next meeting.

Next meeting established as Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 6:00 PM.

Motion made by Chief Esposito (seconded by Calistro) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight C. Rowland,
Committee Vice - Chair

cc: Woodbridge Town Clerk