

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

Minutes of Meeting of January 11, 2006

A meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** was held on Wednesday, January, 11, 2006, in the Cafeteria, Center School, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

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

Members Absent: none

Also Present: David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli

Call to Order:

Chairman Calistro called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion (Hershman – King) to accept minutes of November 30, 2005 meeting; approved unanimously with Ms. Heller abstaining. Motion (Heller – King) to accept minutes of December 21, 2005 meeting; approved unanimously with Mr. Hershman abstaining.

Public Comments: none

Motion (Rowland—Hershman) to deviate from the agenda and discuss the funds request being made at the BOS meeting later this evening; approved unanimously. Mr. Calistro explained item 9A on the BOS agenda is this committee's request for funding (soil test: \$5,500, geotech test: \$9,000, traffic report: \$7,000). Mr. Calistro addressed the necessity of the tests and the benefits of requesting the funds all at once. Mr. Calistro and Mr. Stein will attend the BOS meeting and explain the pros and cons of going out to bid for the hiring of these associates. Motion (Heller—Hershman) that the funds request in the amount of \$21,500 be authorized and presented to the BOS. Discussion followed. Mr. Antinozzi noted work done in subcommittee. Motion approved unanimously.

Architect's Report:

Mr. Stein is here to work on the Preliminary Schematic Presentation Phase I. This is the presentation planned for the BOS. Mr. Stein noted he tried to simplify the three options, discuss the timeline, and simplify the preliminary budget. Discussion took place on strategy. Don Smith's email regarding the septic testing was noted and Mr. Smith is expected to explain his findings at another building committee meeting. Mr. Stein then began the presentation, showing and discussing the slides. The future bunk space in Scheme E was clarified. The existing fire house slide was shown and discussed including the possibility of a future use study to determine program needs.

Mr. Stein showed the Cost Comparison Chart slide. Much discussion took place on the differences in costs between scheme A and scheme E. Mr. Urbano disagreed with the costing. He stated it is unreasonable the costs were as close as they were, given how different the buildings were and how expensive A is. The Project Schedule slide was presented. The committee commented and discussed adding simple time/date notations. More discussion followed on the charge (to show three similar options or three different options), pre-engineered buildings, and site limitations. In particular it was noted that pre-engineered buildings were considered and this approach is undesirable for this application as well as how such information might be relayed to the BOS during the presentation.

Mr. Antinozzi gave his comments on scheme E before leaving. Although it needs tweaking to reach its full potential, he would vote for scheme E.

Further discussion took place on the fiscal picture of scheme E and making the comparative adjustments. The committee further commented and worked on the presentation. Fundraising was discussed briefly. The committee was polled and the consensus was for scheme E.

The issue of public relations was raised. Ms. Cunningham recommends addressing the questions the public has on the project. Much discussion followed on the benefits and methods of doing so.

Mr. Calistro will request a special meeting of the BOS for the committee's presentation. Mr. Rowland will inform the committee of the date.

Invoices: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, motion (Cunningham – King) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Cotton Bogush
Clerk

Upcoming Meeting: TBA

Attachments on file:

1. Draft minutes, 11/30 & 12/28
2. Email from Don Smith