

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

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of March 21, 2006

A meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in the Town Hall, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

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

Members Absent: Michael Luther

Also Present: Jim Sabshin, BOS, David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli, and Michael Harkin, Donald Smith Engineers

Call to Order:

Chairman Calistro called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Calistro began the meeting by asking Mr. Harkin to report on the septic system. The state's comments on the system were distributed (file). Mr. Harkin summarized the state's concerns: Mr. Scully doesn't believe the system is adequately sized to accept additional flows and justification for an offsite system is needed. Both issues can be appealed. Mr. Harkin explained the public works garage will also be looking for a tie-in and has no other options. Physically there is a location to place a fire house system, but other factors are at play. Mr. Harkin also addressed the supplemental system requirement. Adequate space and soils exist for a secondary system. Reserve areas under the parking garage and in the cornfield were discussed. Mr. Harkin stated a course of action to include test pits for verification on site and pleading the case through the due process of appeals. There are three locations for focus: the central system, the corn field, and between the proposed building and the stone wall. Mr. Calistro stated Donald Smith Engineers are to do no more work on this until the committee resolves some issues. Mr. Urbano and Mr. Harkin further clarified details and logistics of reserve area.

Minutes:

Motion (Rowland – King) to accept minutes of February 8, 2006 meeting; approved unanimously, Ms. Heller and Mr. Hershman abstaining (file).

Public Comments: none

Mr. Calistro directed the committee to discuss building options. Motion made (King—Rowland) to revisit the committee's original recommendation of scheme E to the BOS. Lengthy discussion took place including the committee's task for the upcoming BOS meeting, gathering feedback from the other boards and commissions and the timing of the committee's decision, the number of schemes in hand and the number needed to fulfill the BOS charge, eliminating scheme E, the cost of developing scheme E-revised (\$5,000), independent estimators, public votes gathered from the library, and scheme D as it relates to the other schemes. Ms. Marella dropped in briefly and explained the charge of the BOS and the notice given to the other boards and commissions requesting feedback including asking Ms. Shaw to contact them tomorrow. Ms. Marella recommended narrowing to two schemes, refining those, having estimates done, sending info to all the households for feedback in an effort to reach consensus, and then moving into Phase II with one of them. She restated the goal of getting to two at tomorrow's BOS meeting and in response to Ms. Cunningham, asked the committee members to urge the other boards and commissions to show up at the BOS meeting. The Conservation Commission's letter was distributed (file).

Mr. Stein explained Silver/Petrucelli's contractual obligations stating E-revised requires work from scratch and additional funds will be requested. He hopes everyone will see that as fair. Scheme A would not require additional funds for revisions, but \$5,000 will be charged for E-revised. The committee is clear about this and will continue to make it clear to the BOS.

More discussion took place on the \$800 independent estimator proposal Mr. Antinozzi received, what is included in an estimate, and how Silver/Petrucci would like a construction manager or independent contractor come onto the job as was the spirit when the architect signed on. Motion carried 6-3 (Y: Calistro, Rowland, Antinozzi, Cunningham, Heller, King N: Esposito, Hershman, Urbano).

Motion (Antinozzi—Cunningham) to eliminate scheme E1 and present to the BOS tomorrow schemes A, D, and E-revised; motion carried 8-1 (N: Esposito).

Invoices:

Clerk's Invoice: Motion (Esposito – Heller) to approve payment of the clerk's invoice for summary minutes of the 2/8/06 and 3/2/06 meetings in the amount of \$190. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver Petrucci: Motion (Heller—Rowland) to approve payment of Silver/Petrucci's invoice for design services work done by Donald Smith Engineers in the amount of \$2,660. Mr. Stein explained this is work that ordinarily is part of Phase II, but needs to be done now. It will be deleted from Phase II costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Urbano suggested the committee request the funds for an independent estimator at this time as well. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of doing so, the level of detail included and required in the estimation process and goal of the exercise, if an \$800 estimate can provide satisfactory information on which to base a decision, and developing scheme E-revised first and then getting estimates. Mr. Stein stated Silver/Petrucci should also revise their estimate. Chief Esposito recommended including the additional cost to develop more space in the building for each plan. Mr. Stein said if approved, they will go back to the drawing board with E-revised, present it, and get comments from the committee. He said about three weeks would be needed and then the committee will have two equal designs with which to go to an estimator. The committee's vote to go to the BOS with a request for \$5,000 to develop scheme E-revised took place at the 2/8/06 meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, motion (Rowland – King) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Cotton Bogush
Clerk

Attachments on file:

1. Approved Minutes of 2/8/06 meeting
2. Letter from State of Connecticut Department of Public Health
3. Conservation Commission letter