

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

**Amended Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2005**

A meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, in the cafeteria at Center School, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

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

**Members Absent:** Peter Hershman

**Also Present:** David Stein, Dean Petrucelli & Michael Martin, Silver/Petrucelli, Don Smith, Consulting Engineer, Jim Sabshin & Sandy Stein, BOS, Terry Gilbertson, Building Dept, Suzi Mizzoni, Board of Fire Commissioners

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

**Minutes:** Motion (Heller – Francis) to accept minutes of September 27, 2005 meeting; approved unanimously.

**Architect's Report:**

Silver-Petrucelli presented 4 options, A-D, focusing first on site (file). Much discussion took place regarding the options, inland/wetlands, the 100' buffer, and parking. Mr. Smith presented his thoughts on options A-D. Mr. Gilbertson commented at the request of Mr. Esposito. Mr. Smith described the proposed piping and swale as well as modifications needed at the back pond. The committee resumed discussion of the options. Mr. Gilbertson commented on the wetlands. Mr. Smith discussed the Army Corps of Engineers and was asked to speak on the septic tank progress.

The architects then presented building layouts and elevations as well as a space evaluation analysis for schemes A-D (file). Discussion followed regarding the schemes as well as going to bid prior to referendum. Mr. Antinozzi reported his findings from the town attorney on the bidding/referendum question as well as the potential reconsideration of the town's purchasing arrangement. His suggestion includes a prequalification procedure prior to receiving bids from general contractors. Ms. Stein accepted the City of Stamford's regulations from Mr. Antinozzi. The committee approved Mr. Sabshin contacting Mr. Dey (chairman of the Amity Building Committee) for further clarification of the bidding/referendum issue. Presentation and committee discussion continued.

Silver-Petrucelli presented their schematic estimation (file). Discussion followed on specific budget items, contingencies, methods of funding, and reducing costs. Discussion continued on use of the existing fire house, passing referendum, narrowing contingency fees, going before the BOS, a paid firefighter staff, and public relations. The STEAP grant was briefly discussed (file).

**Other Business:**

The committee clarified their next step and discussed choosing one scheme with three options or choosing multiple schemes for presentation to the BOS. Scheme D was discussed at length with most of the committee naming as their choice. Discussion took place on presenting to the BOS the committee's progress so far in narrowing down scheme options. It was suggested the committee prepare a one page summary of analysis on the existing firehouse to be used for answering questions on that issue. Discussion turned to the estimation process. It was suggested to make a presentation to a special joint meeting of the BOS and the Board of Finance. It was decided to meet with the architect regarding scheme D on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 5pm.

Mr. Rowland explained the architect's compensation for Phase IV, taking the project through bidding. Ms. Heller read the last section of the committee's charge regarding involving the public.

**Invoices:**

Clerk's Invoice: Motion (King—Heller) to approve payment of clerk's invoice in the amount of \$150 for summary minutes of 9/27/05 meeting; approved unanimously.

Silver-Petrucci Invoice: Motion (Calistro—Esposito) to approve payment of Silver-Petrucci's invoice in the amount of \$15,225 for Phase I work; approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, motion (Francis—Heller) to adjourn the meeting was made; carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Cotton Bogush  
Clerk

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, October 24th at 5:00pm (Location TBA)**

Attachments on file:

1. Approved minutes of the September 27, 2005 meeting
2. Silver/Petrucci, booklet of Schemes A-D
3. Silver/Petrucci, space evaluation analysis
4. Silver/Petrucci, schematic phase estimate
5. Town of Woodbridge, draft STEAP grant letter