

Public Safety Building Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: September, 14 2006

Place: Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chief Barrett...Chairman Gagnon not attending due to conflict.

Members present; Jason Bergeron, Larry Barrett, Al Rickheit, Jeff Brooks, Mary Neal, Gail Dumont, Phil Esposito; Lincoln Stiles - late arrival. Absent: Chris Gagnon

First order of business was the approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion made by Gail Dumont and seconded by Jason Bergeron to approve the meeting minutes of July 27.

Committee voted to accept minutes as submitted with 1 abstention from Mary Neal who was not present at July 27 meeting. Motion made by Jason and seconded by Chief Barrett to approve the meeting minutes of August 9 meeting. Committee voted to accept as submitted with one abstention Gail Dumont who was not present at August 9 meeting

Motion made by Mary Neal seconded by Jason to approve the minutes of the September 7 meeting.

Committee voted to accept as submitted with one abstention Phil Esposito who was not present at September 7 meeting.

Chief Barrett then updated the committee on status with the site work and Holden Sand & Gravel. The Chief advised he spoke to Chris today and there would be no joint meeting of all the concerned parties at the site on Friday. Chris would continue to pursue a joint meeting of all parties regarding the resolution of the conservation committee issues and Chris would advise the committee when the meeting is scheduled. Chief Barrett advised the committee that the prison work force did not agree to perform the clearing of silt from the wetland area as previously thought. This puts the issue of the conservation commission issue back to the contractor for resolution.

Discussion then moved to the appraisal report of the hardware store. Committee was advised the Selectman met in executive session to discuss the appraisal but no decision or information was available to the committee at this time. Chief Barrett advised the committee he spoke to Selectman Dennehy about the committees September 29 deadline from the selectman for building proposals to go to town meeting and he was told not to worry about the deadline date.

Chief Barrett then led a discussion about the square footage of the proposed safety building and whether the committee could come to an agreement that the present C2 21,000 square foot facility design was what was required to meet the needs of the town. Chief Barrett then reviewed a work space breakdown of the existing two department's spaces versus the work spaces at the new proposed building.

Committee then discussed and asked questions about the existing work spaces at the VMS building.

Chief Barrett explained that if you remove the square footage for the cells and sallyport areas the new building would have about the same square footage work space as the existing town facilities.

Discussion then ensued about the future space needs of both the fire and police departments. Committee then had a lengthy discussion about how 5,000 square feet could be cut from the proposed C2 floor plan to get to the 17,000 square feet that the present budget would seem to allow. Committee then reviewed and passionately discussed some of the previous issues with the last building committee design and some of the recent articles in the press about this committees work. Comment was made this committee needs to honest with the towns people and present them with the facts about the present design.

Committee largely agreed that the present 21,000 square foot plan was what was needed.

Committee was then advised that Dave Lager did not provide the committee the soft cost estimates as he had promised. Chief Barrett advised that in discussion with the architect that he suggested the committee should focus on cutting the cost of the building materials and finished areas versus cutting the square

footage of the building. Discussion then ensued about whether the committee would all agree to the present C2 floor plan design. This led to a discussion about the outcome of the previous safety building town override votes and that going deciding to go back to the town for more money would not be an easy decision.

More discussion ensued about the 17K square foot building and how the present 21K square foot design could be done within budget. Discussion was held about not finishing out some areas such as lockers and basement meeting rooms.

Discussion was held about making a motion to fund the architect to provide a more detailed cost estimate for the C2 floor plan. This then led to a discussion about whether the committee should spend any more money without having an answer about the hardware store site. Committee agreed to wait another week for an answer on the hardware store site before pursuing a more detailed estimate. Committee then asked that the Architect be invited to the next committee meeting to answer questions about where what and how it would take to get a more detailed cost on the C2 floor plan. Motrion was made and accepted that the architect Curtis and project manager Dave be invited to the September 21 meeting.

Next discussion reviewed the general feasibility of the hardware store site and whether the site would be practical for the safety building. Discussion of pros and cons of hardware store site ensued. Committee then agreed that without an answer from the Selectman about whether the site purchase is feasible further committee discussion would not be beneficial.

Discussion was also held whether to invite the town building inspector Mike Gallant to one of the next committee meetings. Committee agreed the building inspector should be invited to a meeting to provide the committee with information on what the building inspector would need for the possible sites in consideration. Chief Barrett agreed to contact the building inspector and invite him to a meeting.

Next discussion was on the payment request of \$38,000 to Holden Sand & Gravel for recently completed work General consensus of the committee was it would be a mistake to make this payment since there are several conservation commission issues yet to be rectified. Committee then reviewed some of the existing HS&G contract terms regarding the silt fencing requirements and resolution of conservation issues. Motion was made by Al and seconded by Phil to recommend the suspension of the \$38,000 payment to Holden Sand & Gravel until all conservation issues are satisfied . Committee voted to unanimously approve the motion. Phil agreed to call Chris Gagnon toadvise him of the committee action to hold the \$38K payment.

Motion was made to adjourn by Jason and seconded by Al. Committee voted to adjourn at 9:40 PM

Committee Handouts:
Meeting Agenda

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Brooks