

Public Safety Building Committee
Meeting Minutes November 30, 2006
Town Hall

Attendees: Jeff Brooks, Chris Gagnon, Larry Barrett, Mary Neal, Gail Dumont, Jason Bergeron, Al Rickheit, Phil Esposito. Absent: Lincoln Stiles
Guests: Dave Lager NETCO; Rick Sicard, President Ashburnham Fire Fighter Association

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Meeting minutes from the November 16 committee meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Gail and seconded by Al to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

Committee advised of updates regarding last couple of days of site work. Some minor site changes were required to help stabilize the site for winter. A trench was dug for the addition of perforated pipe from where the paving will end on the upper portion of the lot on the post office side of the site. Run off is collecting from the banking area and has nowhere to flow.

A new roadway entrance has been opened up to the site. New entrance will be for the use of the fire department apparatus allowing straight access to the bays.

A small area near the top front of the building will not get paved, as it would be torn up during the building construction phase.

Paving of the site is set to start tomorrow but the curbing installation may need to be put off if the forecasted afternoon rain does occur.

Holden Sand & Gravel had to raise the area in front of the apparatus bays by 10 inches so water will drain away from the doors. Additional gravel was also required in the top area of the site. These two additional grading items had to be done on short notice as these grade changes were needed prior to the paving being completed. Some additional rip rap and fill may be required on the banking where the retention pond outlet is located. Jamie from Whitman & Bingham will evaluate the situation and advise the committee.

Rick Sicard of the Ashburnham Firefighters Association was then recognized and spoke to the committee about concerns and option that the firefighters association would like the building committee to consider. The first option Rick suggested the committee review was only constructing the apparatus bays and leave the building part until further funding was available to support the original building plan.

The second option Rick discussed with the committee that if a funding override was needed for the present building design could the committee consider having both the new and previous design go back to the town for consideration. Committee responded that it was premature to say that the present building design would need additional funding and that a 50% design cost estimate would be available in just a few weeks. It was also discussed that several thousands of dollars would be required to be spent to prepare a new bid package again for the original building design. Dave Lager reiterated that a hard look at the soft costs and FFE budget might be the difference in this design coming in within

budget. Dave also commented that having two different building designs out for bid for the same building was very unusual. Discussion ended and Rick was thanked for bringing the FF association concerns and options before the committee.

Dave Lager then advised the committee that he has created a budget spreadsheet that he would email to the committee. Dave was also asked to prepare a committee "to do list". This list would be the next 20 items the committee should be working on. Discussion then ensued about the costs of advertising the bid and the costs for publishing the specifications. Dave suggested the committee consider using an electronic service instead of the more costly process used the last time. Committee agreed to review.

Next item was the discussion of the fire horn presently located in the town hall. The Town Hall renovation committee is still requesting that the fire horn be relocated. Jason advised the fire department was working on getting prices to get the fire horn updated and would be going to the selectman with a proposal. The Safety Building committee then asked Chris to ask the Selectman to deal with the fire horn relocation issue.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, December 14 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Motion made by Larry and seconded by Jason to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.