

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting minutes of Thursday, May 17, 2007

Members:

Mary Neal
Phil Esposito
Chris Gagnon
Al Rickheit
R. Lincoln Stiles, absent

Jason Bergeron
Larry Barrett
Gail Dumont
Jeff Brooks, absent

Guests:

Tom Kondel, NETCO

Distributions to committee:

- Recent e-mails from Curtis Edgin, Tom Kondel and Brian Milisci
- Copy of proposed design changes

Meeting was called to order at 7:20PM by Chris Gagnon, Committee Chairman. Explanations in regards to the options put before the voters at the annual Town Meeting were discussed. Funding has increased to 870K thanks to Cushing Academy and all concerned that helped get the word out that this was our last chance to complete the building. Selectmen voted on May 7th to approve but not exceed \$7,506,000 for the project. A big thank you to both building committees for a job well done.

Discussion ensued on the new design of the kitchen area and training room from Curtis, architect. Still waiting for a price before committee takes a vote on the redesign.

Planning Board site plan review was discussed. A list of requirements the board would like to see done to the site was given out at the meeting on May 10th. Chris, Al and Gail attended the meeting. The board wants to see conduit in pipe for future blinking lights, parking lot lights, two fire truck signs, and guard rail around the perimeter. They want the trailers moved in the direction of the post office. They feel the present location is causing a blind spot for drivers on Route 101. They require handicap parking and want the parking lot striped. They want to know how the snow will be plowed and or removed so as not to damage the wet lands. They want a storm water maintenance program with plans for maintaining and repairing catch basins and pond. They want us to check the requirements for all seeding and plantings and come up with a plan for landscaping (shrubs) in front of the building. Water and Sewer fees have not been waived because PSB is for all citizens of Ashburnham, so those on town sewer and water should not have to bear the cost for everyone. Need a special permit from Zoning Board of Appeals because the PSB is for public use and is being built in a residential zone.

Site Conditions discussed again. Seems to be a never ending problem. Tom Kondel, OPM, has a list for Holden Sand and Gravel, of items not completed, old issues not addressed, new issues not addressed and photos of the site showing the poor condition it was left in or has deteriorated to. This list and photos will be put in a file and on record along with any others Whitman and Bingham may have. We are at a crucial point and the site continues to get worse. This ongoing problem needs to come to an end. The punch list needs to be expedited before B.W. Construction begins on the site. Chief Barrett wants to see

all parties that can move this along work together to do so and stop pointing fingers. Chief will call Kevin, TA to discuss this with town council and get a letter drafted to Joe Montalto, Holden Sand and Gravel. Jason makes a motion for Tom Kondel to write a letter to Kevin to review with Whitman and Bingham for immediate attention on the site problems. This motion was seconded by Al and approved by all.

The proposed design changes that the AFD requested this committee do was discussed again and Al made a motion that was seconded by Mary to authorize Curtis to do the design changes. This motion was approved by all but Phil who said no.

Chief Barrett will be meeting with Wright-Line Co. about furnishings for the dispatch center. He also requested seeing a new spread sheet that we could review. Chris was to talk to Kevin and get one up to date for the committee.

Larry made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM with no date chosen for our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Dumont