

Town of Millbury Public Safety Building Committee
January 16, 2019

*Meeting called to order at 17:30 by Chairman Desorcy
9 members present (Chief Desorcy, Chief Hamilton, P. Concemi, M. Mann, Officer Daly, Sgt. Cadrin,
K. Woods, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco)*

Motion by P. Concemi seconded by K. Cadrin: To accept minutes of 1/10/19 as amended (two minor errors corrected); Unanimous

- Chief Desorcy explained the goal of the meeting was to rate the firms that were interviewed and possibly select one. Discussion on the firm of Allen Lieb Architects, Lynnfield, MA was held. The committee felt they did not meet the minimum qualifications and did not have enough staff for our two projects.
Motion: D. Daly seconded by K. Cadrin; To disqualify Allen Lieb Architects: Unanimous
- The committee discussed Jacunski Humes Architects, Berlin, CT. Their presentation had no power point, the display boards were previously presented (not current), no fire department discussed in the presentation, not a lot of detail, they didn't sell themselves well. It was noted on the project in Gardner they completed there was air conditioner leaks in the building. The project in Chatham had HVAC problems between seasons. There were no good examples of problems encountered and how they dealt with them. The evaluation sheets were compared and completed by the committee. A total of 39 points on the written proposal and 17 points on the live presentation. This all calculated to a final score of 33.5%.
- The committee discussed Context Architecture, Boston, MA. They had their energy systems engineer with them which was a plus, they do "REVIT" 3-D computer modeling. The Yelp review was discussed, it was an extremely poor report of the Newton Fire Station #10 project. It was an anonymous complaint that wasn't signed and Chief Desorcy spoke with the Deputy Commissioner in Newton, who was in charge of the project, and he felt most of the review was not accurate. The committee thought it may have been one disgruntled employee who wrote it. Chief Desorcy spoke with the Southborough Police Chief, as they have a project in the works right now, and they highly recommended Context and recommended Jeff Shaw be the spokesman. Andover had a project done by them and rated them an "A Team", where they dealt with Selectmen, Planning, Historical and others. They felt Jeff Shaw was the key. Chief Desorcy felt they were spot on with the needs of a modern police station. They discussed soundings on the sites for ledge very well. A total of 43.5 points on the written proposal and 30 points on the live presentation. This all calculated to a final score of 57.625%.
- The committee discussed The Galante Architecture Studio, Cambridge, MA, They brought some experienced people with them, the estimator seemed very good and the fact they use many specialized people to make accurate estimates is a plus, they have done many other municipal projects besides public safety (not totally public safety focused), not very much police work, the company works all over the country (very spread out), they create physical models of projects (a plus), they also make computer models of projects. Overall the committee felt they were a very large company and may not be able to give Millbury very focused time.
Motion: K. Woods seconded by K. Cadrin: To eliminate The Galante from consideration; Passed, 8 for, 1 abstained (M. Mann).
- The committee discussed whether to use one architects for both projects. Overall the feeling was that one firm would be better for consistency and to prevent duplication of efforts.
- The committee discussed the previous project started by Jacunski Humes and how they served us well, however the project was started six years ago and never finished.
- Context may be a fresh set of eyes and some newer ideas for this project.
- Motion: K. Woods seconded by M. Mann: To give the whole project of both buildings to Context Architecture, Boston, MA; Passed, 8 for, 1 opposed (D. Rudge).
- Motion: P. Concemi seconded K. Woods; To Adjourn: Unanimous

Adjourned at 19:25

Minutes accepted 3-14-19

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