

SUTTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

Regular Scheduled Meeting held February 1, 2017

Located at Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT: James Smith, Chief Dennis Towle, David Lavalley, Jesse Limanek, Wendy Mead, Timothy Harrison, Gerry Creiger, Stephen LeClaire, Wayne Junnila

ABSENT: none

GUESTS: Paul Griffin - CMS

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Wendy Mead

1. Tim Harrison made a motion to accept the Minutes with amendments from January 4th 2017, second by Stephen LeClaire: vote 9-0.
2. Construction status update – No construction has been started.
3. Jim Smith updated the committee about receiving three bids from Flansburgh, RGB Architects and Tecton Architects.
4. On January 26th the bids were opened and the Designer Selection Board chose Tecton Architects as the preferred designer. Jim contacted Jeffrey McElravy, AIA to put together a proposal and begin negotiations. The proposal will need to be approved at the town meeting. A second part of that proposal will be for construction and close out. Jim further added that he expects that the proposal will have 70% - 80% of the construction documents ready for the May Town Meeting.
5. Wayne Junnila raised a question concerning communications at the new police station location. Jim Smith advised that this was part of the proposal and had been addressed in the feasibility study. He went on to say that the town is in discussions to purchase additional land for a communications tower at Pigeon Hill Cemetery because it is at a high point. Another location mentioned was Shaw Farm. He stated that there is already a plan for a tower at the Blackstone Golf Course. There is also a cell tower to be installed by Verizon at Town Farm Road. Jim stated that Tecton included \$400,000 for communications in the proposal. Paul Griffin from CMS said \$400,000 was the usual amount included in a proposal.
6. Stephen LeClaire asked whether the feasibility study showed that the Blue Jay location was the best location subject to the tower requirements. Chief Dennis Towle said that retired Fire Chief Paul Maynard and the town's radio consultant did some preliminary work and they don't feel that is going to be a problem. Jesse Limanek added that improving fire and police communications has been a goal of the Board of Selectmen for the past several years.

7. Wendy Meade then asked assuming we need new technology in the new station, would the existing technology in the vehicles be able to work with the newest technology or would upgrades be necessary. Chief Towle noted that so long as the same frequencies are used, there should be no problems.
8. Wendy asked if the 75% completion of construction documentation prior to the May town meeting would yield a "ball park" figure for the project. Jim responded that they should have a pretty accurate number by then.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.
10. Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn @ 7:20, second by Jesse Limanek, vote passed 9-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Creiger,

Clerk