

Police-Fire Facility Committee
Thursday, September 26, 2013, 2:00pm
Selectboard Meeting Room
Minutes

In attendance: John Allen, Phillip Chapman, Kathy Dowd, Robin Sweetapple, Prudence MacKinney, Eli Gould, Dave Emery, Sr, Tony Farnum,

Absent: Steve ~~Phillips~~ *Phillips*

Staff Present: Patrick Moreland, Mike Bucossi, Peter Lynch, Gene Wrinn, Michael Fitzgerald,

Others Present: Steve Horton, Peter Dunnigan (DEW), Bruce Lyman (DEW), Chuck Clerrici (Efficiency Vermont)

- A. Sweetapple called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and confirmed that the meeting had been warned.
- B. Public Participation – None
- C. Dowd moved to approve the minutes of 8/29/13, as submitted, second by Emery. Motion carried.
- D. Project Update by Project Manager – Horton began with a brief discussion of all that is happening with the project. DEW has performed a cost review of the conceptual design plans developed by Black River Design. The Phase 1 is complete at the Church Street property and a Phase 2 has begun. Ray Giolitto of Northeast Collaborative Architects is working on site and with staff to review programming needs.

Dunnigan and Lyman reported that their very, very preliminary review of the cost estimates for the project as conceived by Black River Design, look very positive. Based on their past experience of expense calculations per square foot, DEW suggests that they would estimate the project would cost some \$200,000 less than expected, while still retaining a 12% contingency.

Other savings might be possible if we were to modify the plans for Station 2. As originally conceived, Station 2 would have an addition and the existing space would be renovated. If we were to knock down Station 2 and build a new 3500 sq' masonry building, we might save as much as \$240,000. Additional savings could be found if we switched to a wood framed structure, which Horton confirmed could work and might fit nicely with the neighborhood.

Some discussion took place regarding the timing of the knock down option and how it might lead to relocation expenses. A possible response might be to use the gravel parking lot as a building site instead of the existing location. However the gravel lot is owned by the Town of Brattleboro School District. Horton confirmed that the lot might be a better space for the station than the existing lot.

To settle their support for the knockdown/new construction option, Dowd moved to endorse the option to the Selectboard, Emery second. The motion passed unanimously.

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Sweetapple asked if a motion should be made to ask Moreland to reach out to ~~TOBSB~~ and initiate a discussion on the use of the gravel lot. Moreland agreed. Chapman moved to ask Moreland to initiate the conversation about acquiring the land that currently serves as a gravel parking lot. Second by Dowd. The motion passed unanimously.

Horton explained that we might not need another meeting until October 24. All agreed. At that date we would plan to review results from the Phase 2, and to cost options on a new Station 2, using wood frame versus masonry.

E. Adjourned at 5:30 by a motion from Dowd. Motion carried.