

**The Fire Station Building Committee
A Sub-Committee of the Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of Meeting of May 29, 2007

A meeting of the **Fire Station Building Committee** was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2007, in the cafeteria at the Center School, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

Members Present: Chairman Joe Calistro, Vice Chairman Dwight Rowland, Elia Alexiades, Louisa Cunningham, Chief Andrew Esposito (arr. 6:13 p.m.), Beth Heller (left 7:30 p.m.), David King, Michael Luther, and Jim Urbano

Members Absent: Paul Antinozzi

Also Present: David Stein, Silver/Petrucelli; Don Smith, Don Smith Engineers; and Chuck Grabowski, Newfield Construction

Call to Order:

Chairman Calistro called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Minutes:

After review, motion made (Heller—Rowland) to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting as presented. Discussion on the motion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: none

Motion to formally approve Phase II of project:

Motion (Alexiades—Heller) to amend agenda and defer action to later in the meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Review presentation for Joint BOS/BOF meeting on May 31st:

Mr. Stein distributed and explained his presentation to the committee (file). Discussion took place on the roles, topics, and order assigned to committee members. The importance of being clear and convincing about why the existing firehouse is not feasible for this program was considered. The history of how the site was chosen was debated. Mr. Calistro asked Mr. Luther to write up an introduction and ask Mr. Sheehy to deliver it at the joint meeting. Mr. Stein will also work to lay to rest issues of the site choice. Mr. Urbano wants to be sure it is represented accurately. Mr. Rowland noted the BOS charge is specific and the committee is keeping to its charge. The committee and Mr. Stein then continued to work on the specifics of the presentation by reviewing and discussing each slide. Some corrections, clarifications, additions, and deletions were made. Ms. Heller provided the exiting fire station operation and capital costs compiled by the finance department (file).

Discussion took place regarding the BOS/BOF meeting agenda and the Conservation Commission easement request. Mr. Urbano suggested this committee recommend approval of the easement request. Mr. Calistro objects in principal stating it is spot zoning. Mr. King noted the decision sits with the BOS.

Motion to formally approve Phase II of project:

Mr. Rowland distributed and explained the draft wording of the motion. Discussion followed regarding wording, content, and whether to reference the buffers. Ms. Cunningham recommends finding a way to reassure people the buffers are protected. Mr. Alexiades stated he does not think a reference to the buffers belongs in this motion; it is implicit in the motion because we have approved the plan and drawings and that 100' is in there.

Motion made (Rowland—Luther) to accept as written the motion to formally approve Phase II of the project:

We hereby move to accept the Design Development ('DD') Documents (Outline Specifications and Drawings) as prepared by Silver Petrucelli (Architect) dated May 29, 2007 for the proposed new 20,000 SF, 5-Bay Town of Woodbridge Fire Station as well as the Final Cost Estimate prepared by Newfield Construction Company (Construction Manager) in the gross amount of \$ 7,142,268. (net amount of \$ 6,617,268. after the application of the 2 State Grants), which includes all Soft and FF&E Costs associated with this project.

By accepting the above, the Woodbridge Fire Station Building Committee hereby declares it has met all of the requirements established by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for Phase II of this project and recommends this project as noted to the BOS for their review / approval and subsequently to the Town for a Referendum (known as Phase III).

Motion carried 8-1 (Y: Calistro, Rowland, Alexiades, Cunningham, Esposito, Heller, King, Urbano; N: Luther).

In response to the Mr. Calistro, Mr. Luther gave his reason for voting against the motion, stating at the August 2006 meeting with 6 present, four members voted the time had come to consider on this site a position further back on the other side of the wetlands, but were chewed out. Chief Esposito noted it was an issue for the siting committee and this committee was working to build a building with the site given to it by the previous BOS. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Luther's stance. Site location and project cost were discussed further.

Receive/Approve Invoices:

Clerk's Invoice: Motion (Esposito—Alexiades) to approve payment of the clerk's invoice for \$150 for summary minutes of the 5/3/07 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Silver/Petrucelli: Motion (Esposito—King) to approve payment of Silver/Petrucelli's 4/30/07 invoice in the amount of \$6,237.00; motion carried unanimously.

Silver/Petrucelli: Motion (King—Luther) to approve payment of Silver/Petrucelli's 5/31/07 invoice in the amount of \$10,813.00 for the balance of Phase II; motion carried unanimously.

Newfield Construction: Motion (Luther—King) to approve payment of Newfield Construction's invoice for this period in the amount of \$8,000.00; motion carried unanimously.

Other Business: none

Adjournment:

There being no further business, motion (Luther—King) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Cotton Bogush
Clerk

Next meeting:

TBA

Attachments on file:

1. Silver/Petrucci presentation
2. Existing Fire Station Operating and Capital Costs
3. Invoices: Bogush, S/P, and Newfield