Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

October 11, 2017

Called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman, Bill Sayre. Present: Bill Sayre, Dick Kisloski, Jason Connell, Louis Hasbrouk, Don Lawton, Denise Wickland, Dan Banister, Mike Wayne, and Denise Banister. Absent: Daryl Springman. There were no adjustments to the agenda. Minutes of September 13 were approved as amended (Dan Banister/Don Lawton). Minutes of October 10, 2017 were approved as written (Dan Banister/Dick Kisloski).

Members present were asked for their thoughts on our progress. Jason Connell discussed how members of the Fire Department wish to be central in town vs being pushed into the background. Mike Wayne reported that when handing our materials at the Transfer Station that only one person said they would be against the Public Safety Complex. There is a lot of positive feedback. Dan Banister agreed and said he also heard a lot of positive feedback during his shift at the Transfer Station. Don Lawton reported that he has spoken with many people on the street and had heard positive comments.

Louis Hasbrouk said that from the Public Forum he had the feeling that those present are looking for the answer to the question of “What’s the big picture”. They want to know what will happen to the buildings that are being replaced. All felt it would helpful to break out the cost of the building, the cost of land, and the cost of providing adequate water supply separately. Townspeople have expressed their feeling that there is too much blacktop on the current plan – but they do not realize that the drawings are just concepts at this stage. Others have expressed that saving the basketball court is important as well as preserving space for the skating rink. Committee members agreed that these concerns would be worked into any plans using the James School lot.

We next discussed our strategy for the Special Town Meeting. Denise Banister will move the article; Bill, as chair of the Public Safety Complex Committee, will speak briefly to the article. Both Chiefs will sit in the front row so they can quickly rise and go to the microphone to answer any questions. We will reinforce that we can and will look at all options.

It was noted that before hiring an Owners’ Project Manager, we need a scope. It was suggested to ask the Town Administrator to help draw up the RFP, and we discussed who should choose the OPM (all committee members as well as a few other community members to ensure there is a broad representation).

Next regular meeting is set for Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L Banister