Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Called to order by chair, Bill Sayre at 6:35 PM. Members present: Bill Sayre, Pete Mahieu, Daryl Springman, Louis Hasbrouk, Mike Wayne, Denise Wickland, Denise Banister, Dick Kisloski, Don Lawton, Dan Banister, and Jason Connell. Also present: Charlene Nardi.

Daryl Springman moved to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2015, meeting as corrected; Don Lawton seconded the motion, which passed with one abstention.

There was discussion of the Building Reuse Committee work as it relates to this committee. It was announced that the Building Reuse Committee has hired a firm to study the James School and the Town Office Building. The study is currently being done, and their report is expected at the end of June. At that point we should have more answers about the James School site.

Discussion ensued about on what plan we want Anwar Hosain to perform a feasibility study next. Dick Kisloski has done a sketch of putting two buildings – one for the Police Department, and one for the Fire Department, on the Highway Garage site. He feels it is possible to build both on the Highway Department site; others felt it might make sense to build one building at the Highway Department site and to build the other on the James School site. It was agreed that we should take the fitness center and the locker room/showers out of the plan and to have Anwar reconfigure the building. Daryl Springman recommends leaving the square footage (less the locker room) essentially the same so we can more closely compare the cost of one building vs two buildings. Daryl Springman moved and Don Lawton seconded that we ask Anwar to do a feasibility study on building two buildings on the Highway Department site. We are to stress to Anwar that the buildings do not impede access to the Highway Department building’s overhead doors. Jason Connell expressed concern about access to the Highway Department site, as the current driveway runs over land owned by Lawrence Lashway. We would like the study results for our next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Daryl Springman emphasized that we need to get the cost down – the building will cost the same regardless of the site on which it is built. It was noted that the price will go up if we need to buy property. We need to determine the bottom line of programmatic needs; once the second study is done and we have a price estimate, we will have to make our best estimate of the amount of money the town will support. Once those figures are determined, we can cut space from or add space to the design.

The committee then watched the video filmed by David Thorpe. The general consensus is that it will be a good way to educate the public on the need for a Public Safety Complex. Bill asked how we felt was the best way to get it out to the public. The following were suggested: Community Access channel; Town Website; Put it on You Tube and put links to it; Put on All Things Williamsburg on Facebook; Show it at small group gatherings. It was decided to release the video after the June 1 Town Meeting.

For the next meeting Bill will work on a plan for getting the word out (a brochure handout/ small face-to-face meetings).

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

At 8:30 PM Dan Banister moved and Don Lawton seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,Denise L. Banister