Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Tuesday, January 29,2015

Called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Bill Sayre.

Present: Daryl Springman, Don Lawton, Dick Kisloski, Denise Banister, Bill Sayre, Louis Hasbrouk, Jason Connell, Denise Wickland, Mike Wayne, Peter Mahieu. Absent: Dan Banister. Also present: Anwar Hossain, DRA; Charlene Nardi,Town Administrator; David Mathers, Selectman; Charles Dudek, Mary Dudek, Energy Committee; and Kevin Cardonne, Police Department.

Daryl Springman moved to accept the minutes as amended; Dick Kisloski seconded the motion, which passed with one abstention.

New member Michael Wayne from the Police Department was welcomed.

Louis Hasbrouk questioned if we needed to go into executive session if we were discussing property acquisition. It was agreed that this was not necessary. National Grid has announced that their lot is not available, so we are currently down to one potential lot: the James School. Anwar confirmed that DRA is still committed to study three possible sites. The DRA engineer is continuing to check on the rules and regulations which would govern the James School lot. Concern was expressed about the impact on the future value of the James School if we locate the Public Safety Complex there. The Lashway site next to Worthington Air was discussed. Anwar feels the site is feasible, however the proximity to the river troubles his site engineer, and it was noted that flooding from Hurricane Irene impacted the site; so the general consensus is that this site would not be feasible. An ideal site should consist of 4-5 acres of reasonably level land if no water and sewer lines are available. Ideally, water and sewer lines should be available, and a good line of sight on the roadway is necessary.

Anwar presented 2 schematics for a building on the James lot, both buildings having approximately 13,000 square feet. One configuration had the police and fire spaces separated by 3 (only) double deep bays. The other was a more compact configuration – 3 double deep bays (with a possibility of a 4th) on one end of the building – a common entrance – police and fire areas separated, and a courtyard. These will meet zoning regulations for village mixed use. Anwar reiterated that he is not positive if either of these is feasible due to river protection restrictions. Charles Dudek brought up the concerns of energy efficiency. Anwar replied that a new building is more energy efficient.

Chief Wickland pointed out that the Police Department needs a kitchen or kitchenette as officers work through mealtimes. She would like to see the office for the officer who interfaces with the public closest to the lobby/entryway. She would also like to see some sort of canopy for the cruisers. There needs to be a discussion of common areas, a large training area, and a room for an EOC. Dimensions on the drawings would be helpful.

The committee’s next step is to gather feedback and pass it on to DRA. Bill Sayre will gather the feedback. Anwar will continue to work with his site engineer. The public information meeting, tentatively set for February 25, has been postponed until we have more information. Our next meeting with Anwar is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 PM.

David Thorpe, who will be putting together the video for use on the public access channel and at the public information meeting, will perform his work gratis, but will need $200.00 for editing of the video. We have been approved to spend $200.00. Peter Mahieu moved, and Denise Wickland seconded to approve $200.00 for the editing of the video. Motion passed unanimously. The video will be shot on February 20 and 23. Persons suggested to be interviewed for the video were: Roger Bisbee, Greg and/or Carol Conz, Jim Moran, Stacey Jenkins, Jim Locke, and Denise Banister.

The top five reasons for the safety complex were:

1. Buildings’ Conditions– structurally marginal at best
2. Inadequate for current needs and for future needs
3. Restriction of operations
4. Out of compliance with state regulation
5. Unhealthy

Peter Mahieu moved to adjourn at 8:17 PM; Don Lawton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Banister