

Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Chairman Bill Sayre called the meeting to order at 6:35. Members present: Bill Sayre, Louis Hasbrouk, Mike Wayne, Dan Banister, Daryl Springman, and Denise Banister. Absent: Dick Kisloski, Jason Connell, Don Lawton, and Denise Wickland. It was announced that Peter Mahieu has resigned. Public in attendance: Kathy McKeown.

After determining that there were no adjustments to the agenda, Louis Hasbrouk moved that the minutes of the April 13, 2016, meeting be approved as presented; Dan Banister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Members present were polled as to their willingness to be reappointed to the committee. All present agreed to be reappointed, and Bill will contact those absentee members to determine their willingness to accept reappointment.

Regarding the holding of a non-binding vote/presentation at the Annual Town meeting: the answer is no. The matter must go on the warrant to hold any vote. We could only have five minutes to present information. The members present felt we are not ready to put anything on the warrant.

Because Dick Kisloski was attending a Finance Committee meeting, he was unable to report on the progress of the Town of Heath facility.

The Community Compact facilities study being conducted by the PVPC in conjunction with the town was discussed. Bill solicited sharing of thoughts and feedback regarding its impact on our work. The general consensus of the members is that this study should give us valuable information to use as we move forward, and it was agreed to not push the project forward until we get the results of the study, which will be completed in December, 2016.

The final meetings of the public input phase will be conducted during May. On May 12, Louis will meet with the Ag Committee; on May 18 Bill will meet with the seniors. A meeting with the local business owners will be held on May 23. Bill requested that all available members attend that meeting as well as the final meeting with the public to be held on May 31. It was suggested that a representative from the Police Department and from the Fire Department attend the public meeting prepared to explain the operations of the departments and to demonstrate the current and future needs for space for each of the departments. Each department should write out a one page narrative explaining space needs that could be posted on the Public Safety Complex Committee's section on the town website. Bill will take the drawings and, with the help of each department, make a list with bullet points to explain why each space is necessary. Louis recommends going back to the DRA report and drawings and using them as well. Louis is to check with the FEMA employee who he works with to see if he would be willing to attend the meeting with the public.

Bill will draft our final report to the Board of Selectmen, and it will be discussed at our June 8 meeting.

Bill presented a picture taken by Mary Bisbee of the Lashway firewood lot during Hurricane Irene. It clearly showed the flooding of that lot.

Louis reported that he and his contact from FEMA were in town looking at the 500-year flood plain. Louis' contact does not feel that the brook behind the James School presents any problem, and it would be okay to site the complex between the 100-year and 500-year flood plain. Bill wants to be sure to get that information to PVPC for their study. Bill will keep in touch with the PVPC process.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 PM.

At 7:45 Daryl Springman moved to adjourn; Dan Banister seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister