

Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Chairman Bill Sayre called the meeting to order at 6:30. Members present: Bill Sayre, Mike Wayne, Dan Banister, Jason Connell, Dick Kisloski, and Denise Banister. Absent: Louis Hasbrouk, Don Lawton, Denise Wickland, and Daryl Springman.

After determining that there were no adjustments to the agenda, Dan moved that the minutes of the May 11, 2016, meeting be approved as presented; Jason Connell seconded the motion, which passed with two abstentions (Dick Kisloski, Jason Connell).

Dick Kisloski reported on the Town of Heath Public Safety Complex project. The Town of Heath had signed a state Muni Infrastructure Grant agreement, which would have provided 50% of the funding for the construction. The state pulled the funding. Thus the Town of Heath has plans ready to go but there is no available funding, so the project is not moving forward at this time.

The Police and Fire Chiefs are to send their departments' space needs documents to Bill. This information will help to make the project more transparent to the public, in an effort to get everyone on the same page.

Jason reported that he went through Highland Ambulance's new building, and that he feels it would be useful for committee members to go up to view it.

A discussion was held about the public input meetings. It was pointed out that during these meetings attendees were not asked what version they favored. Dick would like to hold a big meeting where townspeople could weigh in on which version they would like to see built. It was felt that the folks attending the public input meetings appreciated the committee members' meeting with them. Bill is to send the estimated cost of \$175 per square foot for a pre-engineered building (price includes designs costs) to use for the study; and also to send the comments arising from the meetings to PVPC to use when crafting the PVPC/Smart Growth America study report. Flood maps will also be sent to be included in the report. Per Louis Hasbrouk, the current maps are official at this time, and there are no scheduled updates on the horizon. While looking at the comments, it was questioned whether these comments are a fair representation of the town's feelings. It seems the townspeople support the project. We will need a 2/3 vote in favor of the project, so it is important to keep the momentum going.

We discussed our expectations for the PVPC/Smart Growth America study. The study must be completed at the end of December, 2016, when the PVPC grant is done. A thirty-year life cycle cost analysis should result from this ; and we are expecting costs for various scenarios of building/property uses. The committee plans to go through the study results and then hold a general meeting in late January, 2017. Tentatively, the committee would like to bring the project to a special town meeting for design funds in February, 2017. A non-binding referendum could be placed on a ballot, but could not be put on a town meeting warrant.

An addendum to the report to the selectboard was discussed. Dick Kisloski moved, and Dan Banister seconded that the committee approve the addendum. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Sayre recommends suspending activity of this committee until the second Wednesday of December (12/14/16), which is right before the report comes out. It was noted that if anyone feels a meeting was needed, it could be scheduled.

At 7:35 Dan Banister moved and Mike Wayne seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister