

SafetyServices Minutes.January 5.2016

Newbury Safety Services Building Committee
January 5, 2016

I. Attendance Record

| | | Nov 4 | Nov 10 | Nov 17 | Nov 24 | Dec 1 | Dec 8 | Dec 15 | Dec Jan 21 5 |
|---|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Alex Azodi omegaengineering@tds.net | ✓ | | | | | | • | | |
| • Barbara Freeman mehrenfreeman@aol.com | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Bob Messenger bmessenger1@myfairpoint.net | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Dennis Mires dennis@thearchitects.net | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Patricia Sherman psherman2@myfairpoint.net | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Ken Tentarelli committee@kenliz.net | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Ron Williams jrwlakeside@earthlink.net | • ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| • Dan Wolf dan@hodan.com | ✓ | | | | | | | | |

II. Procedural

NOTE: Attendance as Follows: Mr. Azodi, Ms. Freeman, Mr. Messenger, Ms. Sherman, Mr. Tentarelli, Mr. Wolf

The meeting agenda was read by Mr. Tentarelli.

- Minutes

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of December 21, 2015 and made no corrections. There was Committee consensus to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 as presented.

- Committee Communications

III. Discussion

Regarding Options Analysis Spreadsheet:

Ms. Sherman reviewed the updated Options Analysis Spreadsheet, noting the removal of previous duplication(s). There was discussion regarding the payback for geothermal and biomass and whether either or both should be included in the committee's recommendations to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). It was determined that the information on geothermal and biomass should be included and additional information on cost for each and payback years for each be included.

It was also discussed that the spreadsheet should include a note that the library expansion is included in the cost estimates.

Regarding the BOS presentation on January 11, 2016:

Mr. Tentarelli discussed the proposed order of items for presentation to the BOS on January 11, 2016. He suggested that the presentation proceed as follows:

- Architect drawings presented first by Mr. Tentarelli and/or Dennis Mires.
- Option Analysis (aka "Alternatives") presented second by Ms. Sherman.
- Committee recommendations presented third by Mr. Tentarelli.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Azodi suggested that the presentation should follow the order of items presented in the Options Analysis/Alternatives spreadsheet.

Ms. Freeman suggested preparing a bullet outline of what the presenter(s) will discuss. She suggested that the alternative building solutions be presented first with the 1-building solution discussed regarding cost, the issues involved in combining the differing functions of the Fire Department (FD) and Police Department (PD) under one roof, and the resulting scale of the building in relation to the existing buildings in town.

It was agreed that the important points regarding the 2-building solution were as follows:

Fire Department Plans Show:

- A 4-bay station with room for expansion.
- All equipment laid out on the plans.
- Building access straight off of Route 103.
- Allowance for growth over 20-40 years.

The Committee agreed that elevations should not be included in the presentation per se, but should be available if requested.

Police Department Plans Show:

- A floor plan that accommodates future expansion, if needed, for an additional officer.
- No need for accommodating large equipment.
- Allowance for growth over 10-20 years.
- Security of sally port away from the public entrance.
- Public access reflects the desire to be inclusive and community-oriented.
- Public bathrooms are accessible and adjacent to the playground.

Overall discussion of the Site Plans resulted in the following points:

2-Building Solution

- Consideration by the committee of the need to separate the functions of the FD and PD for safety reasons.
- There were physical limitations presented by the presence of the steep slope/hillside.
- The benefit of one double curb cut for all emergency vehicles entering and exiting onto Route 103.
- The benefit of a separate curb cut for all other public non-emergency functions.
- The safety concerns regarding the adjacency to the playground can be mitigated through appropriate fencing and landscaping.
- The proximity of the PD provides additional protection for the children in the playground.

1-Building Solution

- This solution was not chosen by the committee because of the cost, the difficulty in combining the different functionalities of the FD and PD, and the resulting large scale of the building.

Additionally, the committee noted that the recommended buildings may be placed on the Bald Sunapee site without moving the Vets Memorial.

Committee Recommendations:

- That the FD and PD be two separate buildings.
- That both buildings be built at the same time.
- That the BOS appoint a Buildings Committee to take this project forward to the next step.
- That a \$4,000,000 bond issue be requested at Town Meeting in March.
- That, in the course of the committee's work, it became apparent that there is another alternative available for consideration that could save money, namely the moving of the Vets Memorial.

The committee agreed on the order of items for presentation to the BOS on January 11, 2016 as follows:

- FD floor plan
- PD floor plan
- 2-Building solution site plan
- 1-Building solution floor plan
- Overall site plan
- Options Analysis/Alternatives Spreadsheet

It was agreed that the presentation will be delivered in a Power Point format.

IV. **Public Input**

Bob Wilkonsky questioned why the committee is including a recommendation to move the Vets Memorial. Mr. Wolf said this was just a suggestion to the BOS to consider because of the cost savings involved.

Dickie Wright noted that in the 2011 Town Center Buildings Committee study the public raised concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed buildings to the playground and that is why the proposed buildings are cut back into the hillside and not repositioned away from the hillside closer to the town office. Mr. Wolf said the committee has examined the safety issue and added that a BOS-appointed Buildings Committee will determine the safety issues.

Judy Hale noted that the proposed recommendations include public bathrooms for children in the playground but also raises safety concerns for those same children with emergency trucks and activities adjacent to the playground. Mr. Wolf said the BOS-appointed Building Committee will examine all of these concerns at a later date.

There being no further comments/questions from the Public, Mr. Tentarelli thanked the Committee members for their hard work.

Mr. Tentarelli adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Whittemore
Recording Secretary

