

Safety Services Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2014

A meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee was held on Thursday March 6, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno (Selectman), Dawn Steele (Resident), Paul Schmucker (Life Squad Chief), Jeff Woodward (Resident), John Monaghan (Police Chief), Rick Gaudette (Fire Chief), and Facilitator Deb Maes, Allen Clark (Building Inspector).

Guests were Terry Lorber and Tim Grant from Provan and Lorber

The meeting was called to order by Bob Montagno.

The flood plain conditions at the site were clarified by drawing that Provan and Lorber supplied. Tim Grant would suggest having the FEMA map updated and remapped. This is a 100 year flood zone and there is a process for getting the area remapped. Tim Grant feels this is a very straight forward process and would suggest getting a letter drafted and to FEMA immediately. Provan and Lorber will handle drafting this letter. It will then be sent to Sally Small to go on Town stationary and be signed by the Select Board.

The design and bid process will take about 6 weeks. If this project is approved at Town Meeting then we should start this process this week. Allen noted that we will need shore land protection permit. There should be little tree removal. An alteration of terrain permit will also be necessary. There is a way to expedite the process/review.

The Town of Franconia does carry flood insurance.

The issues that were raised by participants at public meeting were discussed. Temporary housing, green energy, septic system, Police space available, comments on renovating versus a new building, and anticipated savings for equipment. This will be a turnkey building. The prior oil tank issue at the site has been resolved by removing the oil tank. Jeff Woodward was given a written report by Sally Small which he will review.

There was some discussion on amortizing over 10 or 15 years. Jeff Woodward explained the benefits of keeping the terms of the long term borrowing as well as the interest rate. We have received lower "bids" on interest rates by mail.

New issues have been raised in an email circulated by a concerned citizen. This was discussed and the Committee feels confident in the answers they can provide.

The three Chiefs formalized department statements. Each Chief will be asked to speak at the Town Meeting.

The slide presentation was reviewed and updated.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne MacDonald
Safety Services Building Committee - Secretary