

Safety Services Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2014

A meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee was held on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Dawn Steele (Resident), Rick Gaudette (Fire Chief), Allen Clark (Building Inspector) Paul Schmucker (Life Squad Chief), John Monaghan, (Police Chief), Jim Fitzpatrick (Energy Commission), Jeff Woodward (Resident)

Guests were Roger O'dell, John Lachapelle, Jack Cook

The meeting was called to order by Allen Clark.

The meeting minutes from 4/16/2014 were approved.

The status of the flood zone was discussed. The change has been submitted and we are waiting to hear back from FEMA.

Provan & Lorber is now working at the Safety Services Building regarding the wetlands. It has been surveyed and the pit testing will be tomorrow.

The Police Department has all stuff moved into the temporary location. The Police will be operating from the temporary location starting tomorrow. They are still in the process of getting phone and internet hooked up.

The Fire Department and the Life Squad are waiting for doors to be installed at their temporary location before they can move. May 3 is their targeted moving day. The Fire Department may not have a phone or internet due to costs at the temporary facility.

The asbestos removal on the second floor is scheduled to start on the 5th of May. The report has been received and the State of NH notified. The State of NH requires a 10 day waiting period.

Scott Leslie will be contacted regarding the materials to be saved and stored from the Safety Services Building. He will be asked to do a walk thru. Some items may be reused at the Transfer Station. There are some Irving owned propane tanks that need to be removed. The Stiles propane tanks will be moved and placed at the Transfer Station. The Amerigas tanks at the Transfer Station will be removed.

It has been recommended to the Select Board to award the Demolition Contract to Spears Brothers. The Select Board will discuss and vote at their next full Board meeting on April 28, 2014. May 9th is the targeted start date for demolition. Notification to the other company's need to be done.

The RFP was reviewed and discussed. Some changes have developed as a result of last week's discussions. These are used only as specifications and used as a tool for the Construction Manager. The footprint and the interior are pretty much determined.

The opening of the proposals will be changed a bit as discussed. The opening will still take place on May 19, 2014.

John Lachapelle would like to see a calendar of critical dates developed. Allen will work on this. It is important to continue to meet every Wednesday.

Kim Cowles will be asked to create a special page on the Town of Franconia's Web site to keep the public up to date on all of the milestones regarding the Safety Services Building. Kim will be invited to come to a meeting.

Jack Cook is concerned with the timing of all this. He has been looking for "alternative energy" consultants and has found one with the Jordan Institute of Concord. They have experience with large building that are heated and cooled used alternative energy sources.

Jack would like to see them bring strength, understanding, and experience to the table. Jack would like to hire them and thinks he can grants for that work. Jack will ask them for a proposal to be presented at the next meeting. He would like to see the consultant work with this Committee and the Construction Manager. Allen will get Jack the two files that he will need to give to the potential contractor.

There will be eight invited contractors that will be sent an RFP. Each contractor will be contacted by email and in person.

The Financing update was given by Jeff Woodward. There was some discussion centered on the lowest rate being 2.84%. This is a fixed rate. Jeff Woodward will meet with the Select Board and make the recommendation of the Committee to go with the lowest rate. It will take a month or so to close the loan.

A schedule will be written by Allen.

The Committee would like to have an updated balance on the Safety Services Building Fund.

Suzy will work with John Monaghan to create an ad for the newspaper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne MacDonald
Safety Services Building Committee - Secretary