

Safety Services Building Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2013

A meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee was held on Wednesday October 16, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno (Selectman), Dawn Steele (Resident), Richard Gaudette (fire Chief), Paul Schmucker (Life Squad Chief), Jeff Woodward (Resident), John Monaghan (Police Chief), Ted Kupper (Provan & Lorber), and Facilitator Deb Maes.

Guests were Roger Odell (Fire Department), Ted Hoyle (Selectman)

The meeting was called to order by Bob Montagno.

The minutes of October 9, 2013 were reviewed and accepted.

Paul Schmucker started the meeting by asking several questions regarding the pricing of the ground work and of the building. It is not possible to go forward with the project without having some of the ground work questions answered by Provan & Lorber. Provan & Lorber does not have a number as of yet. They are preparing a proposal for the Town of Franconia for work to be done which would allow the Town of Franconia to bring a proposal to the voters in March of 2014.

Provan & Lorber is looking into underground drainage. P & L need to explore all options and to collect data for this area. The Septic is showing on the plans towards the front of the building.

Bob discussed with P & L the Committees idea to re evaluate the existing building. The Townspeople have already heard two proposals. The Select Board has many questions surrounding the idea of not using the existing structure. P & L has looked at the building and will be able to tell us the approximate cost of bring it up to today's standards versus doing a total rebuild. The current building would defiantly need to be expanded in size. P & L is currently working on a proposal that should be ready for Town Meeting 2014. P & L will also take into consideration the size of a new building. Maybe it could be a bit smaller on the interior.

It will cost approximately \$18,000 for P & L to get a proposal ready for town Meeting. The consulting fees were discussed and how this initial money would be spend: some programming, space plans, conceptual plan, more efficient layout, schematics, codes, review, roof loads, insulation, develop shell of building, structural engineering, finish work both inside and outside, site plan, permits, septic, water, and electrical. All of these items will be taken into account in preparing presentation materials.

Fit and function compared to price is important. A building must be designed that meets our budget. Paul Schmucker is feeling very grim about the price of the building and the

site work. Several options of site work were discussed again. There are no problems with permits unless you change the size of the building which is a must.

The first step for P & L is to understand if we can drain from the current site. The scope of work can be chosen by the Committee. The Committee can choose to authorize any part of the project. The Committee authorizes P & L to look into the drainage.

The timeframe is getting to a number to be included into a warrant article. The committee must have a firm number by mid January of 2014.

P & L will be meeting with Scott Leslie, Road Agent, to discuss using town equipment to dig test sites.

P & L will have a proposal to Bob Montagno by the end of the day on 10/17/2013.

A prefab structure was again discussed. P & L would provide the structural engineering. P & L would give a list of specifications and the company would build the building. . the liability lies with P & L even after construction.

The Committee decided that there was no benefit to visiting other Safety Services Building.

P & L is throwing out an approximate number of \$150 per square foot. Rick Guadette would hope that this price will also include site work.

Jeff Woodward would like to see the Committee move forward with P & L doing some work for approximately \$18,000. This is part of doing a job and doing it right. Dawn Steele would like to move ahead with P & L. The process seems reasonable and we have got to find out if this proposed building will fit on the site. John Monaghan is in favor of moving forward. Deb Maes sees this project as progressing normally.

Ted Hoyle would like to remind everyone that this cost is to house three departments under the same roof. Roger would like to see P & L keep going with planning.

Drainage at the site will be a matter of what's legal.

Another meeting has not been scheduled.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne MacDonald
Safety Services Building Committee - Secretary