

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
FIRE STATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2020
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Meeting was held by conference call.

Present: Josh Maxham, Bruce Maxham, George Spear, Chris Stevens & Bruce Seely
Nancy Robinson, Clerk
Asher Anderson from Turner Consulting

Bruce S. brought the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Additions/Changes: Brian Bontrager is not joining meeting tonight due to scheduling/timing conflict.

Josh moved to accept the minutes of July 21, 2020 as written. Bruce M. seconded the motion and motion carried.

Asher Anderson from Turner Consulting phoned in to answer any questions regarding their proposal for phase 2 & 3 of the engineering work. Committee is focusing on phase 2 right now, Bruce S. asked about permitting and if anything might change to increase the engineering costs, permitting would change if the usage for water changed from residential to public. Additional permitting and testing would have to be done. Asher answered additional questions regarding rental/event use of kitchen, wastewater and stormwater. Josh mentioned that the firemen planned to wash their apparatus in the building, floor drains would be installed, design could include larger tank. Asher left call at this time.

Committee has also received a phase 2 proposal from Otter Creek Engineering. Decision to get a third quote to compare. If civil engineering firm other than Turner Consulting is hired, will need to request Auto CAD file from them.

*Bruce S. will contact Pathways Consulting as they have recently done some work for the Community Center and are familiar with the site to get a 3rd proposal.

Bruce S and Josh have had a phone conversation with Mike Trombley of Fire Tech regarding the sprinkler system. His company will only do design work if they get the job. Committee has been sent a proposal from G. Tim Stone Consulting, who has worked with and suggested by NBF. His proposal is for the fire station building only. Community Center has expressed interest in sharing the sprinkler system, tank and pump. Need to have talking points ready to discuss with Brian (Community Center), size of building and usage demand of water will dictate the size of the holding tank and pump. Items to be considered if system is shared are; cost of building system and available funding, maintenance, liability and insurance. Discussion of getting proposal for fire station only, community center only and shared system. Committee will get this information put together and then contact Brian to bring him and/or other BACF members into the conversation.

Josh noted that Ed from NFB has revised the sprinkler room design to make space for a full staircase to allow for room to work on pump. This revision effects a large storage area.

*Josh will follow up to see if the full staircase is required under state regulations.

Chris reported that he has been in touch with several individuals that have showed an interest in the position of Clerk of the Works. Discussion of need of having a Clerk of Works; direct project oversight, person would pull all of the different contractors together, review costs, materials and have insurance for liability coverage. Josh spoke to Richard Kaminski about the position and he has submitted a resume. Bruce M. has not heard from the Barnard Clerk of Works yet to see if he has any interest in assisting Bridgewater. Chris suggested that committee work with Wayne Leonard to assist with interview process as he will know specific questions to ask.

*Bruce S. will contact Wayne to see if he is agreeable to working with committee on this task.

Josh and Bruce are having weekly phone conference meetings with Ed Clark, from NBF Architects to discuss the project process and steps moving forward.

Bruce S. would like to get onto the next Selectboard agenda to review quotes from the Civil Engineers and to ask the board to approve one and get a contract signed. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for August 18th. Bruce will try to get 3rd quote from Pathway Consulting. Committee may need to have a quick meeting to review quotes and put together a proposal for the Selectboard to review before the 18th.
*Bruce will let Nancy know if and when a special meeting will need to be warned to review the 3 proposals.

Next regular meeting will be on August 25, 2020 by phone conference.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson, Clerk