

Wilmington Public Safety Facility Public Input Meeting

January 23, 2020

In Attendance: Dennis Richter, Chief Matt Murano, Chief Scott Moore, Melanie Lopez

Absent: Chuck Clerici, Greg Nido

Public Present: Bill Spirka, Joseph Cincatta, Jeremy White, Jacob White, Scott Tucker, Jessica Lee Smith, Bill and Sharon Adams

Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Changes to Agenda

Dennis announces that Joseph Cincatta would like to make a brief proposal.

Joseph would like to offer professional architectural input from seniors at Keene State college. Students have nice rendering facilities and want experience with real life situations. Ralph and NBF are in agreement about students. They would be able to do cost estimates and present new ideas to Ralph at no extra cost to the town.

Discussion to take formal vote next meeting if necessary and further discuss when other committee members are present to comment.

Public Comments

Bill Adams is concerned about the town's shrinking population, and that the budget for new facility is too strenuous given the current economic situation.

Chief Moore presents new rough draft schematics that have been worked on by both departments. Both departments are working to maximize space without giving up what is necessary to bring down building costs. The police department would be on the 2nd floor, fire station on 1st floor. Would take advantage of slope of lot and have 2 separate entrances on different levels, which would cut out cost for stairwell and elevator. Approximately 2500 square feet less in new design, about a cost savings of \$500,000- \$750,000.

Sherrie Adams comments that the library could be looking to move into OSEC. Possibly the police station could consider using that building for new facility.

Discussion on the library possibly being a better location to move town offices.

Dennis suggests that having better safety facilities could draw more residents to town. Both Chiefs agree that one building for both facilities would be better and more efficient. Would not be cost effective to have two separate buildings. One building to heat and maintain versus having two separate facilities that would end up being more expensive to maintain in the long run.

Discussion of showing progression of architectural renderings as changes are being made on town website, possibly presenting them during next public input meeting.

Chiefs will be meeting with NBF Architects next Friday, January 31, 2020.

Discussion on making beaver street a one way. - maybe a good idea to throw questions at students.

Question on using some border land- two pieces north of lot.

Discussion on addressing the public's concerns in the next meeting and/or press conference.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of 1/9/2020 & 1/16/2020

Chief Murano moved to accept minutes of 12/17/2019. Chief Moore seconded. All in favor.

Motion to Adjourn: Melanie, Seconded: Chief Moore. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Agenda for Next Meeting:

1. Discussion on student involvement in architectural planning
2. Changes to Agenda
3. Approve minutes of 1/23/2020
4. Public comment
5. Meeting update - NBF Architects and Chiefs on 1/31/20
6. Next Steps

Next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020 at the Fire Department at 6:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Lopez
Secretary