

Wilmington Public Safety Facility Public Input Meeting

February 13, 2020

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

Absent: Greg Nido

Public Present: Bill Spirka, Joseph Cincatta, Jeremy White, Bobby Maynard, Donnie Wilson, Scott Tucker, Jessica Lee Smith, Bill and Sharon Adams, Jake & Chris from Keene State College, Ralph Nimtzt (phone)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Discussion on student involvement

Jake and Chris introduced. Will be assisting Ralph Nimtzt in architectural planning for facility through Keene State College.

Changes to Agenda

Vote to recommend to Selectboard to add Jeremy White to the committee.

Approve Minutes

Approve minutes of 1/23/2020.

Dennis moved to accept minutes of 1/23/2020. Chief Moore seconded. All in favor.

Schematic Design Update

The chiefs and NBF architects have worked together to come up with new schematics. 3 of the apparatus bays are drive-through and have been lengthened from 69 to 75' deep. Other 2 bays are $\frac{3}{4}$ the length. Adequate space for the next 50 years.

New plan has road for apparatus entrance to left of building between building and greenspace to avoid the blind corner on Beaver St. Chuck questions turning radius of corners. Option to eliminate parking in north eastern corner to provide for greater turning radius. Could be made a one way as Bill suggests preventing potential traffic issues. Discussion on parking needs.

NBF has addressed most of Chiefs' concerns, working to refine plans.

Discussion on flat roof. Provides advantages for drainage consolidation. Flat roof on current fire department has lasted 50 years. Gable roof uses more space, materials and money. Architects have no concerns about flat roof. Neighbors less impacted with lower roofline. Roof could potential have solar panel array.

2500 square feet, along with stairs and elevator were eliminated from original plan. New plan provides for roughly \$1M in savings.

Public Comments

Suggestion by Mr. Adams to turn building 90 degrees for trucks to be heading directly south. Would help minimize the heating cost. Ralph confirms it is possible without drive-through bays. Scott Tucker asserts this would make trucks drive straight into flood plain. Discussion on need for drive-through bays to avoid casualties. Discussion on access into both sides of building.

Equal access has been provided. For someone to visit fire chief, they would need to park uphill nearest beaver street, go downhill, and pass the retaining wall to get into public entrance. Not ideal access. Discussion on possibly adding a parking space right in front of chief's office.

Many points of egress discussed. Police public entrance would be visible from OSEC, Sally port near back of building, not visible from OSEC.

Bill Adams suggests having schematics to scale for public meeting. Questions on turning apparatuses in road.

Next Steps

Next public meeting is February 27th. Joseph suggests that construction price estimates could be ready by 2/20 or so and give committee some time to react and plan before public meeting and vote.

Question on OSEC being available for meeting, is easier to access and more parking available than the town hall. Same marketing to be done as last meeting. Ralph and Casey will have PowerPoint presentation and schematics displayed on large boards. Chief Murano to assist on PowerPoint. Print outs for everyone coming into meeting to be provided, would make plans easier to see.

No civil engineering done on designs yet. Vote on town meeting day (March 3rd) will be for the public to approve the start of engineering and further detail work. Chuck suggests that Scott Tucker present refined financial reports of how much the average tax property bill would potentially be affected by the bond for the new facility at next meeting. Dennis suggests spending time on room layout before meeting starts.

Committee Expansion

Chuck motions to recommend adding Jeremy to the committee to the Selectboard. Scott Moore seconds, all in favor. Tuesday, February 16th at 6p.m. is next selectboard meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Agenda for Next Meeting:

1. Open up meeting
2. Brief Presentation on progression of committee, introduce new site plan and 3D rendering
3. Questions/ Comments

Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020 at OSEC Meeting Room or Town Hall (depending on availability) at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Lopez
Secretary