

Wilmington Public Safety Facility Meeting

January 14, 2021

Present: Chuck Clerici, Chief Moore, Chief Murano, Dennis Richter
Architects & Engineers: Casey Gecha, Ralph Nimitz
Public Present: Scott Tucker, Bill Spirka, John Lazelle

Meeting called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Final Discussion of Bidder recommendation:

Chiefs performed interview with Breadloaf. Chief Murano's review is that Breadloaf was overall very responsive. They brought in a lot of senior staff for questions and were able to say they stand by their number, contract and timeline. Nothing of concern.

Chief Moore's agrees and was impressed. He has no hesitation with recommending Breadloaf.

Chuck comments that they have a great reputation and have worked on similar projects; Dennis doesn't have any concerns.

Committee preparing GC recommendation and proposed budget for meeting with Selectboard tonight.

What happens next if Selectboard approves?

Scott Tucker– Selectboard has meeting on Tuesday. If they approve the budget and bonding for the safety facility, the bond would be declared as an article. The article would go to the town clerk and she establishes the ballot for the vote.

Regarding the bond – Scott Tucker spoke with Ashley Lucked from bond bank. Town would submit an application in April. After they process, a bond would be issued in July or August.

Should bring up anticipated timeline vs timeline for bond- Selectboard may need to authorize taking an advance on the bond. Should not delay construction – just make Selectboard aware that a solution is needed.

Review of bond budget:

Review GC budget. Chuck and Casey review decision to not take deducts in alternates in budget. Bill counters that they should take the deducts to save money – alternatives are of acceptable quality for building. Chuck goes through alternates one by one. Committee decides to get rid of the alternates for the light tubes and the epoxy floor – would like both in the building. Committee also decides against taking deduction for taking out barns- would introduce unnecessary risk to have another GC come and take out the buildings in a tight timeline.

Total budget for Breadloaf is \$4,740,550

Review budget for Additions not included in GC bid.

Rollup bay doors not being included – not necessary and quote was expensive. \$15,000 for station alerting system for fire department. Phone & security system is \$0 extra, as it is in with GC bid. Cameras are included.

Radios and Communication budget is \$135,270.11- for dispatch (fire and police), antennae system and system upgrades that need to be done when the old police dispatch moves to new building. Chief Murano specifies that Burlington Communication gave a lower quote than Keene Mutual Aid.

Committee approves 5% contingency budget.

State of Vermont charges a fee for the fire safety permit – even for this building. Approximately \$38,000. Permit application needs to be in hand before construction can begin. Process should begin as soon as vote is passed.

Total proposed budget is \$5,501,368.65 to be presented to the Selectboard tonight.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:34pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Lopez
Secretary