

## Wilmington Public Safety Facility Meeting

January 14, 2021

Present: Chuck Clerici, Chief Moore, Chief Murano, Dennis Richter, Jeremy White, Melanie Lopez

Selectboard: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Tony Tribuno, Sarah Fisher

Town: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter

Public Present: Bill Spirka, Bobby Maynard, Chris Mays, Hannah Wierzbicki, Jessica Lee Smith, John Lazelle, Mike Eldred

Committee Members attend special Selectboard meeting to recommend GC Bid and propose budget for proposed Safety Facility.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Chuck presents committee findings:**

Tonight's meeting is to help inform the budget and warnings for town meeting. Last update was before Christmas with RFP out to bid. Received 4 bids total. All bids scored – there is one clear winner that committee recommends. Difference in pricing between bids was minimal.

Committee recommends proceeding with Breadloaf Corporation as the chosen GC. They were higher bid – their qualifications are the preference of committee. They have built 12-13 Public Safety Facilities.

Review of proposed bond budget. Discussion on each alternate that is included in GC budget. Review contingency budget.

John Gannon asks about additions not included in budget spreadsheet – all included in base GC bid. Chuck shows difference in the 4 GC bid amounts.

Committee formally asking Selectboard to bond for proposed budget amount of \$5,501,368.65

Construction to start in April, bond not anticipated to be in hand until July or August. The Selectboard will need to consider financial instrument (bridge loan) to allow contractor to begin work. Committee does not know how much Breadloaf would need to draw in the beginning 3-4 months of construction and can get an exact amount. Scott Tucker clarifies that the town would borrow in anticipation of bond to cover that amount.

Committee has chosen a 5% contingency budget because they feel it is irresponsible to go lower and Chiefs have gone through budget thoroughly to try to mitigate any unforeseen costs in construction.

Sarah Fisher asks if barns being removed can be reused in some way. Chuck will ask about Breadloaf's plans to reuse barn materials.

Tom emphasizes that it has been 10 years since FEMA first asked town to move forward with this project.

Bobby Maynard shares that the fire department is going to do a mailing soon – if there is any pertinent information that should be included, send to him. Committee to follow up and has a plan for public meetings to share information about the project before town meeting day.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:38pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Lopez  
Secretary