

Wilmington Public Safety Facility Meeting

February 25, 2021

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

Public Present: Scott Tucker, Bill Spirka, Jessica Lee Smith, Mike McLaughlin (Breadloaf), Lenny & Diane Chapman

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

Public informational presentation

Town website has information on project with multiple documents- design layouts, FAQs and other information.

Review photos of damage from Hurricane Irene. This storm rendered Police and Fire Department buildings unusable at a time when their resources were most needed. The goal is to build resilience in town by building a new safety facility out of the flood plain.

Project details

Review project background.

Design team has been great to work with and has taken into consideration public input on design. Breadloaf was chosen as recommended GC by the committee in January 2021.

Timeline review: December of 2019 a site was chosen & bid for architect sent out. Feasibility and conceptual study done by NBF Architects for \$39,000. Article raised \$221,000 during 2020 Town meeting to fund NBF through design, bid and construction. Architects and Engineers produce site and building design by Thanksgiving 2020. Bid for GC goes out November 2020 through December 2020. Committee reviewed bids and chose Breadloaf Corporation as recommended GC to the Selectboard. If Bond is voted up, groundbreaking will begin in Spring of 2021 with projected completion by June of 2022. CC Haynes Hall and Allen building to be demolished.

Review of building design: Totals 16,020 square feet. Greenspace allotted on south portion of site. Review renderings and blueprints of proposed facility. Discussion on redesign after public input. Initial blueprints size was 19,000 sq ft - removed 3rd floor of building and elevator/stairs.

Chief Murano walks through layout of proposed Police Department. The training room is separate from rest of facility. Separation provided for healthy and professional workplace. Secure storage provided for equipment and evidence; Holding cell provides temperature control; Break room provided along with separate workspaces- all of which are not present in current facility. Secure Sallyport also included in design plans.

Questions on whether police department equipment will be updated along with building. Chief Murano states that the capital budget will be used to update equipment – mostly technology used in the department.

Chief Moore walks through layout of proposed Fire Department. 2 Drive-thru bays. Gear room located out of bay area to separate from truck exhaust. Decontamination room, dispatch room, tool room, and hazmat room are included. Also included is a training area with kitchenette that can be used by public. Sufficient storage provided, and bunk rooms unlike current facility. Conference room & two offices for Chief and assistant Chief.

Bond details

Funding of Bond is July/August. Total projected cost is \$5,500,000. This includes Breadloaf's bid of \$4,740,550. The rest of the costs stems from communication, radio & alert systems and setup expenses as well as a 5% contingency budget, soft costs for both departments and a clerk of the works. Review of efficiency incentives from Efficiency Vermont.

Present estimated bond payments over 20 years. Present calculated tax impact based on a property valued at \$200,000.

Town vote is on March 2nd from 7AM-7PM at the Old School Community Center. Project bond vote is under Article 15 on ballot.

Mike McLaughlin from Breadloaf comments that they are familiar with construction of safety facilities, excited about project and looking for a successful bond vote.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Lopez
Secretary