

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS 2021 Fire Station Building Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: 2021 FSBC

Date, Time: 4/3/2023, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall
Downstairs Meeting Room
257 Main Street
Tilton NH

Call to Order

Paul Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Attendance

Kevin Waldron, Firefighter Derek Farrell, Commissioner Tim Sattler, Lisa Martin, Paul Blaisdell, Dennis Manning and Chief Michael Sitar

Public: Bill Wilder & Gretchen Wilder

Public Comment

Bill asked if anyone was familiar with the Morton Buildings. He suggested that the committee look into the company before pursuing the process further. Discussion ensued regarding Morton Buildings and people they have worked with. Lisa commented that the problem is there would be a legal issue as they have already advertised the RFQ and interviewed companies. Discussion ensued regarding where they are in the process.

Various properties were discussed. Chief Sitar commented that Commissioners have requested a space needs and cost assessment for both the Park St and Sanborn Road properties.

Paul asked what the cost of the Sanborn Road property would be? Chief Sitar replied that they would do a land swap for the Center Street property and it would be a \$1 lease. Dennis commented that if there is a land swap, they shouldn't be leasing anything. Paul added that if the district is leasing Sanborn Road, then the town should lease Center Street.

Old Business

Review Interviews

Commissioner Sattler stated that either company could build a building. He preferred architect from Lavallee Bresinger with Fulcrum.

Lisa agreed she preferred that architect as well. She preferred Fulcrum from the interviews but if you look at previous scoring Loureiro would come out ahead

Derek asked Chief Sitar how he came to the numbers for the references score. Discussion ensued regarding previous scoring. Derek commented that though he had to leave part way through Loureiro's presentation he was not very impressed with what he saw. He preferred the architect with Fulcrum as well, noting that he was more put together.

Kevin commented that he doesn't have much to say that hasn't been said, though he is not sure he would vote for either. Fulcrum did well in the interview but fell short in their response to the RFQ. He liked the architect from one and the company from the other.

Dennis agreed with a lot of what had been said. Fulcrum came out much more polished, but he got a more genuine feeling from Loureiro. Fulcrum would be his choice.

Paul agreed with everything that Dennis said. He felt the architect with Fulcrum was very intelligent and knew the codes. He liked that they have a community outreach coordinator and that the project manager is a fire fighter/EMT.

Chief Sitar stated that in the interview Fulcrum was much more polished and architect was more on point. He stated that the references for Loureiro were so ecstatic. He preferred Loureiro as a company but preferred Fulcrum's architect. Fulcrum had a good presentation but from talking to the references, they were not as hands on as Loureiro.

Paul stated that community outreach is not primary but is important. How do they get the same community outreach through Loureiro. Lisa stated that Jim said he would be there for meetings.

Lisa commented that they do have a scoresheet to follow. Interview was worth 10%. Discussion ensued regarding the scoring for the companies' interview process.

Commissioners Meeting

Paul commented that the committee is presenting the next day to the board of commissioners. Everyone is welcome at that meeting.

Final Score Tally

Fulcrum has a total score of 80. (Previous score was 71, added 9 for the interview)

Loureiro has a total score of 83 (Previous score was 75, added 8 for the interview)

Paul asked that Kathy double check the scores and send copies to everyone.

Lisa made a motion to recommend Loureiro for a design build contract. Dennis seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Future of Committee

Paul asked if this committee is over now that it is in the Commissioners' hands. Chief Sitar replied that he believes that the intention is for the committee to continue to assist with space needs and pricing. Discussion ensued regarding the scope of the project.

Dennis commented that he is glad the company will be doing the needs study because it has been done by the committee in the past and who is on the committee depends on where the focus is. He also commented that he feels that the district is hyper focused on the cost.

Discussion ensued regarding the scope and space needs.

Kevin commented that their goal was to get staff out of Center Street as soon as possible and that that they are concerned about proposing something that will pass. He doesn't believe that two buildings at the same time will pass. They planned before to start with Park Street and expand in the future.

Paul stated that they should not look into Sanborn Road or spend any money until there is some sort of written agreement. Extensive discussion ensued regarding Sanborn Road and a contract.

New Business

Meetings

Meeting days were discussed. The committee will meet the second & fourth Mondays of each month. Next meeting 4/24 (if needed)

Other Business

Dennis stated that he had questions for the commissioners regarding purchase vs leasing the Sanborn Road property. Discussion ensued

Adjournment

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

April 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM.
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room,
257 Main Street, Tilton NH