**WOLFEBORO PUBLIC SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

In attendance: Norm Skantze, Thomas Zotti, Bob Tougher, Jim Pineo, Tavis Austin, Paul O’Brien, Robert Robicsek and Courtney Carrier from Lavallee/Brensinger Architects, Kevin Livie, Kevin Sanzenbacher, Dean Rondeau, Bob Loughman

Paul called the meeting to order at 10am.

Meeting minutes were voted on. 1 set of minutes was for fire department only. Approved unanimously.

2nd set of minutes for the December PSB Committee meeting was also approved unanimously.

Tavis reported on Survey work for police station sites. Just received two surveys, one for each. Survey slides were shared with the committee.

Lavallee/Brensinger (LB) presentation:

Bob and Courtney shared their slides of the fire department schematics. There was discussion about the driveway clearance, width, and the size of the (support bay) space. It was established that the driveway was wide enough for two vehicles to pass at the same time. LB needs the committee to decide if they want the EOC space in the front or in the back.

Bob Tougher asked if the apparatus bays were drive-through and the answer was yes. The vehicles can be back-to-back or they can be front to front. There are 12 total bays.

Bob R. said that there is plenty of room to widen the driveway. He also stated that until options are decided they cannot give exact numbers for width, but there is plenty of room for expanding the driveway.

Norm Skantze mentioned that it is nice having different options and that the 80-foot apron would be his first choice for the driveway entrance so that they could swing the trucks around. The subcommittee needs to meet to discuss EOC going in the front or in the back.

Paul indicated if you use the EOC for other purposes, community meeting space, etc., it would be good to have it in the front.

Bob R. said EOC is best up front and if used for training, and meetings puts it next to public parking.

Bob Tougher brought up the CIP spreadsheet and the PD in 2022. Line in 2023 for Public Safety Building. Currently there is 8 million in projects for 2022. So, adding this to 2022 is not practical.

Paul spoke to the sequence of events. Can’t do fire department until the police department is out of that space. He said that this committee needs to vote on the sequence of events.

Bob R. talked about the way the phasing would work.

Phase 1 is the design and build of a new police station.

Phase 2 is the fire station.

They would build the new apparatus bays and then demolish the old bays.

It would be designed and built into one bid. This committee would meet and tell us when this is going to happen. Cost is compounded the farther out you push it out.

Bob Loughman said this project is critical. Some other projects in town could be moved. Police Department #1, Fire Department #2. In 2022 those priorities should be fixed.

Bob Tougher agrees 100% with Bob Loughman. We pushed it out ten years ago. Problem with CIP in Wolfeboro is that projects slide in out of nowhere through the side door.

This project looks tight area wise, but if you guys, who have to live there, are comfortable with it, that is what matters.

Jim Pineo brought the focus back to needing to get to CIP with some numbers.

Chief Skantze was asked if he was happy with these options. Skantze responded that he likes it and thinks it is going to work great.

Tom Zotti spoke of a concern of the EOC up front due to threats in the past. He thought it better to have it in the back.

Paul suggested that Chief Skantze should call a subcommittee meeting for Monday or Tuesday. Lavallee/Brensinger needs a decision. Tuesday at 10 am was decided.

Bob R asked Tavis to send them the CAD files.

Dean Rondeau said that EOC in front or back it really doesn’t matter. If someone wants to take you out, they are going to do it. Those types of threats are easy to mitigate. It is the Chief’s call.

There was discussion of Paul O’Brien’s involvement going forward. He will not be involved.

Paul shared the 2020 Powerpoint slides of the PSB committee’s goals. What has been done and what is left to do.

Bob Loughman asked where are we with the PD design?

Dean Rondeau said that the design is done. They are going with the one-story building design. It is more efficient, more useful space and lower cost. The only thing that remains is to pick a site. Dean spoke of his preference and why he prefers one site over the other.

Paul advised that neither site has been agreed upon and it would be unfortunate to raise unnecessary concerns before a decision has even been made.

Paul suggested that if both of these two sites turn out to be a bad fit, Dave Senecal has a couple others.

Jim Pineo spoke of deadlines and Paul said if all goes to plan you should have some numbers for the CIP by Memorial Day.

Jim Pineo thanked Bob Tougher and Bob Loughman for taking time to be part of this. After new BoS is seated, we will do a reconvene of this body.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

Submitted by Karen Lancaster