

*North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company
EMS Building Committee*

Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2014

Location: North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company – Meeting Room

In Attendance: M. Perkins, Chair; G. Cassata, Vice-Chair; R. Shabunia, B. Elias, R. Burdick, C. Steinhart V,
G. Howell, J. Bosma, K. Murphy, Committee Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Perkins

Minutes: Motion made by Vice-Chair J. Cassata to accept the minutes of May 6, second by R. Burdick. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

Correspondence, Bills, and Invoices: Two invoices from K. Murphy were accepted and approved.

#005092014 in the amount of \$153.7, and 05162014 in the amount of \$142.50

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Greg Howell requested that when immediate decisions need to be made by the Chair and Vice Chair that other Committee members please be informed, with explanations as to why, as soon as possible prior to the next meeting. More/better use of e-mail notification will be taken into consideration.

Bob Shabunia filled the Committee in on progress with the septic design. Don Smith of Silver Petrucelli is waiting for final survey so he can complete final site and septic design. Septic design does not appear to have any issues.

Decon room waste water will need to have a tight tank and the service/wash bay will also need a holding tank. Tanks for both of these will need to be pumped. Tanks sizes should be compatible with contractors pumping capacities.

Mark Perkins briefed the Committee on his recent presentation to the Board of Finance. The plan brought before the Board was Scheme 5a.1, with a total square footage of 19,240. Mark explained how and why the Committee arrived at this particular scheme, also explaining the financial issues and budgetary shortfall, even with several reductions made to previous schemes. The outcome of that meeting was that the Board of Finance recommended the Committee proceed with the current Scheme 5a.1, bid the project, and see where the bids come in. The

committee discussed getting an estimator when S/P was at the better than 50% completion before wasting money and time on a possible overpriced project.

Mark was asked at that meeting why the difference between what had originally been presented to the town and what is currently being proposed. Mark indicated that the original presentation was a conceptual plan and that construction costs have risen considerably since the original presentation.

Mark had been in contact with Representative Urban relative to additional funding. Rep. Urban indicated that her request has made it into the bond package, which is now awaiting the Governor's signature. If we do receive these additional funds, Town Meeting vote will be required in order to accept the funds for use by this Committee.

New Business:

Brian Elias briefed the Committee on the M/E/P meeting on May 14 with Ken Sgorbati and Bob Banning of Silver Petrucelli.

Using the "Owner's Question Sheets" that Ken and Bob brought, Mark outlined what was discussed at the meeting as well as the recommendations, based upon current and future needs of the building and its users. This is a work in progress and may change and evolve over time, based on associated costs. The Committee agreed that the conduit for wiring for all electronic/media equipment should be installed during construction. If all electronics cannot be installed at time of construction, at least the wiring to support them will be in place. Committee still needs to determine where they want placement of certain electronics.

Marc Tate, Charlie Steinhart V, and Brian Elias have been working on an IT list. This information will be disseminated to the entire Committee.

There was discussion involving site plan approval. Final survey still needs to be completed before Don Smith can complete the site design. The Committee would like to be able to begin excavating the site as early as this fall. If the site design can be completed soon enough it can be brought before Planning and Zoning next month, and hopefully approved sometime in August. The Committee would like to keep excavated materials on site, which will reduce the cost of site preparation and eliminate several thousand truck trips off site and through town. General consensus was that bidding the site excavation separate from the building construction would show a cost savings.

A conference call with Silver Petrucelli will take place later this week to discuss these topics.

Silver Petrucelli is scheduled to attend the next regular Committee meeting on May 27 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn made by M. Perkins, second by J. Cassata. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM