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North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company EMS Building Committee

Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2014

Location: North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company-Meeting Room

In Attendance: M. Perkins, Chair; G. Cassata, Vice Chair; P.Kowack; R.Shabunia; J. Bosma; C. Steinhart,V; R.Burdick; B. Elias; B. Mastroianni N. Mullane; P. Springsteel; K. Murphy; Representative Diana Urban

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chairman Perkins.

A motion was made by the Chairman to dispense with the reading of the January 27, 2014 minutes, as they had been previously sent to all members. Motion seconded G. Cassata. Motion passed.

Correspondence, Bills, and Invoices:

An invoice from Peter Springsteel was received and approved for payment.

An invoice from Silver Petrucelli was received and approved for payment.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Bob Shabunia stated that a print out of expenditures should be made available to the entire committee in order to monitor the financial status of the project. Paul Kowack will be tracking budget and schedule and sharing the information with the full Committee. Nick Mullane will work with Paul on this.

Bob Shabunia and Paul Kowack both indicated that all meetings and workshops of the full Committee, as well as any sub-committees, should be posted. All were in agreement on this and information will be made available to Kati Murphy in a timely fashion in order to post notifications at least 24 hours prior to any meetings.

Mark Perkins attended the Board of Finance meeting on March 12. He explained to them the shortfall in the current budget and the reasons behind it. The Finance Board's view is that the Committee should move forward with an adequate building that will meet future needs and the Committee should not make considerable cut backs to the current plan.



However, it will be up to the Committee to find additional funding sources other than from the Town.

Nick Mullane will discuss with the Board of Selectman, the possibility of requesting a STEAP Grant to run the water line to the site. The possibility of drilling a well on site had been discussed but a well is not considered to be a reliable source of water for a building such as this.

There was some discussion on alternative locations for the building, but there were no alternatives that would not present a series of issues of their own. The Committee will continue to work with the current location.

Paul Kowack questioned whether or not we should continue to move forward with plans for a 25k square foot building. Mark Perkins indicated he would not be opposed to scaling back to 18-20k s.f. The general consensus of the Committee was to compare wants to what is actually needed as far as the building itself, and meeting future growth. A good look at the site and site preparation also needs to be examined to determine what area and how much is going to be usable. Paul Kowack indicated that the sooner we know the specifics of the site, the better. Brian Elias and Charlie Steinhart V have their growth projections and will bring to the next meeting to aid in determining building needs.

The group discussed possible areas of reduction/elimination within the building and Peter Springsteel brought ideas on better use and some reduction of apparatus bay space. Peter will put this combined information together and forward to the group, as well as Silver Petrucelli, and ask SP for comments. The Committee will further discuss revisions/reductions at their next meeting.

New Business:

Representative Diana Urban indicated that she would lobby before the State Bond Commission this week for additional funding for the construction of the Center for Emergency Services. She indicated that, if approved, funding could possibly be phased in correlation with the project's phasing.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Cassata, second by Ryan Burdick. Motion passed
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

The next meeting of the full committee will take place on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM, at the fire station.

