

MINUTES

Of the March 23, 2009 meeting of the Tufonboro Public Safety Facilities Committee, at the Old Town House

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairman John Lapolla

Present: Members Eaton, Evans, Frago, Knapp, Lapolla, and Young

Absent: Member Lawton

Also Present: Selectman Sundquist and several members of the public.

The minutes of the previous March 16 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Dave Eaton and John Lapolla met last Tuesday at the Town Hall to re-design the possible addition to the existing Police Department. The previous design expanded back toward the cemetery, which is not practical. This expansion goes toward the town garden area. Dave presented drawings and sketches, including a possible interior layout. The revised plan calls for 1 Sally Port, and a total space (including existing) of 2760 sq. ft., which is just slightly more than Chief Shagoury indicated he needed. The present PD is approx. 1340 sq. ft.

John Lapolla indicated that he had talked with Biyand Construction, and that they will re-do all the plans without additional charge, except the change to the Police Dept. expansion, as they had indicated in their proposal that they would be doing an expansion to the rear, and that is what they did. Tom Young will also talk to a local firm, Land Tech in Ossipee, to see if they will present a proposal for re-doing the PD design.

Comments on the proposed PD layout included that this is just a concept, that some rooms don't necessary have to have the function labeled, such as the exercise room and break room, and that some of these rooms could instead be used for future expansion. The armory and evidence room must be separated. The armory could be in the basement. The design needs a Male/Female public restroom. A new backup generator on this site is already part of the C.I.P. Use siding to match the existing building. An impound area, rather than being inside the building, could be a fenced area outside, or a rented storage space. Employee, including PD, parking would be in the rear, with public parking expanded in front of the building.

This design is estimated by some members of the Committee at \$300,000-\$350,000, and as such is inexpensive and could be funded in one or two years by the town. Other Police and Fire Depts. built nearby have been done for under \$100. per sq. ft. in recent years. By comparison, putting the PD in a new, separate, stand-alone building would be much more expensive. All agree that firmer figures will be needed to give to the public, and that local builders would be our best option for pricing. Question from the public: Has the Committee examined what is a need, versus a want? Chairman Lapolla responded that the Committee has looked at this extensively over time, and some of the items requested by the PD have been eliminated as not "a need". Noted that Chief Shagoury has not seen this proposed layout yet, but this is all just preliminary, and he will see the concept plans before they are presented.

It was discussed that, in working with Biyand Const., it will be important to get an estimated cost per sq. ft., a completion date, and exactly what is included in the estimated price of the buildings. We will also need a set of poster boards to put on an easel for the public meeting(s). A signed contract will be required. We eventually want to present a "turn key" price.

If the PD is expanded in its present location, that will leave the stand-alone FD with plenty of room for expansion. Some of that space could be used to house an ambulance and crew. Or, the Mirror Lake Station could be used for this. How much does this save? Carolyn Sundquist agreed to look at past bids.

The next order of business, as quickly as possible, is to have the conceptual drawings finished. With that in mind, a next meeting will not be scheduled until we know when the revised drawings will be available, unless some other issue requires an earlier meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Young
Committee Secretary