



**Town of Plaistow
Public Safety Complex
Building Committee**
27 Elm Street, Plaistow, NH 03865



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 13, 2017 @ 8:00am

PRESENT: *Dennis Heffernan, Acting Chair; John Sherman, Selectman; Chief John McArdle; Paul Lucia, Facilities Manager; Mark Pearson, Town Manager; Tammy Bergeron, Selectman, Chief Kathleen Jones; Mike Dorman, Building Inspector, Geoff Adams, Citizens Rep. & Mike Kennedy, Deputy Fire Chief*

Also in attendance: *Gino Baroni, Trident, Julian Kiszka, Selectman Alternate & Guest Speaker Peter DeNutte*

EXCUSED: *Barbara Kiszka, Acting Vice Chair, Martha Sumner, Pat Schiavone, Detective; Dan Poliquin, Kevin Coyle & Thomas Geary*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:00am

T. Bergeron motions to approve the minutes of 6/8/17. Seconded by K. Jones.

Vote: most in favor, 1 abstain (M. Dorman)

Motion passes

UPDATE OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

G. Baroni states the project is moving along very well. The Detective's trailer is empty. All the walls on the Police Department side are up. The tiles in the locker rooms are in place and the installation of floor tiles has started. Next week PCP and painting will begin. The ceiling inspection should occur next week too. The ceiling in the dispatch area will remain open until all the dispatch equipment is installed. Over the next few weeks a lot of finishing touches will be completed. The back of the site is much improved. Some work on the Fire Department side has also begun. In early September furniture will start going in and G. Baroni suggests a soft opening for mid to late August. In term of dollars we are about 66% complete.

T. Bergeron inquires if another tour can be scheduled for those that missed Monday's.

G. Baroni responds yes.

G. Adams states it would be helpful if a floor plan was available for the next tour.

G. Baroni states this is OK but they will have to be turned in. A floor plan for a Police Station should not be out in the public.

T. Bergeron states she is upset that some community members are stating the project cost will be over the 8.5 million. She would like this clarified.

G. Baroni states all the monthly reports show that we are on budget. The project will not go over the 8.5 million budgeted amount. This will also be clear at the completion of the project.

REVIEW MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT AND BUDGET:

The reports will be available soon. The budget is on target.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

J. Kiszka is very disappointed that LED lighting was not used in the new building. Before construction started the Energy Committee gave a list of energy efficient recommendations to G. Baroni. J. Kiszka states converting to LED fixtures after the fact is much more expensive than installing them in the beginning. We will have to live with expensive utility bills for the next several years.

G. Baroni responds after the GMP was finalized \$495,000 had to be cut from the list of wants. The mechanical systems installed are energy efficient and they cost more to run than the lights so they were more important to install. The lights used are T5 and they are very good. The building is energy efficient.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Jones introduces Peter DeNutte of NHEDA. He is an independent contractor for radio communication systems. He is not tied to any vendors and is not in sales. He is an analyst for radio communications. P. DeNutte was an EMT and worked for the Sheriff's Department and was instrumental in the 911 system. He has worked for several New Hampshire communities including Portsmouth and Dover. He has surveyed our current equipment that was installed in 2003 and states it has reached the end of its life. The current system is also full of dust due to the construction. The dispatch center is the heart for Police, Fire and medical calls. Currently, we do not have a method for backup if the system fails. Parts to the current system are no longer supported. His recommendation is to install a new center and once it works the old one should be shut off. Many communities in the country are in a similar situation. We are not alone. If we install new equipment it will be next-generation compatible. Technology is moving in an IP (internet protocol) direction.

M. Pearson inquires what the life span of the new equipment is.

P. DeNutte states 7-10 years.

K. Jones states we currently have \$140,000 in the CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) for radio communications.

M. Pearson states next Wednesday he will be meeting with G. Baroni and a few others to go over the full budget, look at contingencies, and look at any savings from other items in the project. He and G. Baroni both believe we can install new communications equipment while remaining within the total project budget.

D. Heffernan inquires if any Public Safety impact fees can be used.

M. Pearson responds yes. He mentions we will be getting \$7,000 from CVS that was collected as impact fees and then returned to CVS since the time limit to spend the funds had expired. Now CVS will donate \$7,000 to the Town.

M. Pearson mentions there will be some additional payments to Trident due to the delay of the project because of the bats. Again, this will be worked into the current budget.

Some of the contingency funds have been used on unsuitable soil found on site and some will be used for the sidewalk, ordered by the State. However, there are still funds available.

M. Kennedy states the radio system is at the end of its life and if it is moved into the new building it probably will not work.

M. Pearson states after next Wednesday's meeting new equipment must be ordered. Time is of the essence.

G. Adams inquires if the new system will "fill in" current black spots in cell service.

M. Pearson states no, however a cellular company recently approached him. They are interested in putting a cell tower in the northern section of town. This will take time however if all goes well it will be a win-win situation. The company will get the tower and we will acquire space for our equipment, have improved cell service (black spots) and the Town will receive revenue.

J. Sherman states we will need to continue to put money into the CIP for radio communications. We should also do the same for emergency management. Last year the CIP committee wanted to start funding this but no one from emergency management attended.

D. Heffernan inquires if the Building Committee will be updated after the Wednesday budget meeting.

M. Pearson responds yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

J. Sherman inquires about the status of the Stanwood Avenue Extension paving issue.

G. Baroni responds it will remain the way it is. That was one of the changes made once the GMP was finalized.

M. Dorman inquires about Mr. Senter's fence.

G. Baroni states that will be discussed at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on August 10, 2017 at 8:00am at the Library.

D. Heffernan adjourns the meeting at 8:55am

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary