



## TOWN OF FREETOWN

### Police Sub-Committee

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### Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, February 21, 2018

A meeting of the Police Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m., at the Council on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown.

**PRESENT:** Lisa Pacheco, Chairwoman; Town Administrator, David DeManche, Chief of Police, Carlton Abbott, Sgt. Benjamin Levesque Officer Mark Fornaciari, Robert Jose,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Taylor MacDonald (Pomroy Associates), Andy DiGiammo (CGA), Paul Sadeck and Kent Wilkins.

**ABSENT:** Mary Rezendez-Brown, Charlie Sullivan

This meeting was recorded by FREECAM.

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Pacheco turns over the meeting to Taylor MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald states he will be going over the update on the design as well as the schedule update in terms of marketing the project, but first Andy DiGiammo will go over the Design Development Estimate.

Mr. DiGiammo stated he will be working on the Design Development and it should be wrapped up by Friday, and going to the estimators. They have updated the exterior model of the building, and the final drawings. He will also be running through the floor plan, as Chief Abbott was not present during the last meeting with Heidi Mulholland and didn't have a chance to be updated about the interior elements. He is suggesting setting up a meeting this week to go over the furniture selections, as we need to make sure we have everything covered for the final bid.

Mr. DiGiammo goes over the update on the front elevation, with the colors that were settled on. The Poster Board illustrates all angles of the exterior design of the building. Final Drawings depict the interior design plan.

Chief Abbott relayed the conversation he had with the Fire Chief and the radio vendor. The conversation addressed the serious problems with the West Side Communicator and the police station preliminary budget. One of the issues is where to situate the tower, higher ground being best and conduit connectors are also important.

Mr. MacDonald states the most expensive part of the tower is the cable, not the structure. Mr. MacDonald estimates the cost of the tower between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. MacDonald goes over the schedule update. Mr. McDonald points out that the only differences between the original schedule and the update schedule is the confirmation of the Special Town Meeting in April, presenting the Town with Design Development or an actual Construction Bid. The goal is getting the estimate completed by mid March, having an updated budget at the end of March and then the presentation of a solid Construction Bid at the Special Town Meeting in April.

Discussion regarding the time constraint of completing the Design Development and complete the bid process by April. Mr. DiGiammo states the bid process would take 6 weeks minimum.

Mr. Jose questions when construction would begin if the project was approved in September. Mr. MacDonald states if the project was approved in September, construction would likely begin in October.

Ms. Pacheco states we must share project information before the Special Town Meeting, and present firm numbers. Chief Abbot agrees about sharing project information from a central location in order to prevent inaccurate information being relayed within the community and adds that April is too soon to have a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Sadeck states we need to know how much will be put back into Capital Stabilization and taxpayers need to be informed as to how much their property taxes will be increased. Mr. Jose states it would be best to show the condition of the current police station and some of the issues that need to be addressed rather than wait to show monetary figures.

Mr. MacDonald states if everyone can relay information to him, he can create a base PowerPoint presentation with Andy and work on a timeline.

Discussion as to the possibility of requesting donations from local retailers, i.e. Stop and Shop, Amazon, and the Massachusetts Police Association to help with the cost of the police station.

Ms. Pacheco announces that Water Line approval is scheduled for the Town Meeting in March.

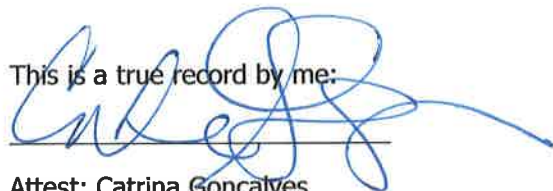
#### **MOTION:**

**Motion made by Robert Jose to wait until September for a Special Town Meeting concerning a firm Construction Bid, seconded by Paul Sadeck. Unanimously approved.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn made by Officer Mark Fornaciari, seconded by Robert Jose. Unanimously approved.**

This is a true record by me:



Attest: Catrina Goncalves  
Recordings Clerk