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Police Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 19, 2017

A meeting of the Police Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, @ 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, Officer Mark Fornaciari, Sgt. Benjamin Levesque, Robert Jose, and Charlie Sullivan.

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Pomroy (Pomroy Associates), Taylor MacDonald (Pomroy Associates), Andy DiGiammo (CGA), George Grunwald, Paul Sadeck, Heidi Mulholland of Kaestle Boos Associates.

ABSENT: Mary Rezendez-Brown

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Pacheco announces we need to move the construction project along. Delays will inevitably cause scheduling to fall behind and we need to be sure all official votes take place in a timely manner. The Board of Selectman voted to move forward and explore the cost of extending of the Water Line. The extension needs to be done regardless of whether or not the police project moves forward. The water extension and the police station are 2 separate projects, both being important. Every time we install a Well, we are leaving less land to be available for other buildings in the future as there has to be a protected amount of land around the Well.

Mr. MacDonald questions if there is going to be a committee formed to oversee the water project to work simultaneously along with the police project, as the designers will need information at some point. Ms. Pacheco stated the Water Commissioners will be getting an estimate as to how much the water line would cost. It is expected to cost about 3.2 million, and if that is the case, the water project will move forward. If it is a 5 million dollar project, then it needs to be reevaluated.

Mr. Grunwald questions if the 3.2 Million will be paid out of the cost of the station, and Mr. MacDonald questions if the 3.2 Million will come out of the 3.5 Million that was discussed at a previous meeting. Ms. Pacheco states that it will be paid out of Capitol Stabilization and it is separate from the cost of the police station and separate from the 3.5 Million that was previously discussed.

Mr. Pomroy states that even though he realizes this Committee is in the early planning stages, the timing of the water project is important, even if it done on a protracted schedule. Ms. Pacheco states keeping open communication with the Water Commissioners, this committee, and the engineers is very important.

Mr. MacDonald goes over a comparison of the original schedule and where we are now, as there were some starts and stalls. The biggest difference has been within our Program and Schematic Design Phase. The final Schematic Design will be complete by the beginning of February and the estimate will be done by the end of February. The only item that is not confirmed is whether or not we have a target date for a Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Pacheco states there is no target date for a special town meeting. She states a town meeting can be scheduled at any time since it is a special meeting, as long as we give 45 days notice. It is a good idea to introduce the project to the townspeople, including a video on facebook. During the 45 days, town forums can be scheduled to answer any questions.

Chief Abbott suggests creating a direct link to the project whether it be from the Town website, Facebook, etc., to one central location to view project information.

Mr. Jose stated he will contact the webmaster to design a website specifically for the project. Mr. Jose also suggested an open house at the police station and creating some videos depicting the current condition of the police station.

Mr. Pomroy suggests having informational sessions and public forums leading up to the point the final numbers are in, then have the meeting with the Board of Selectman in March.

Ms. Pacheco says she agrees scheduling a Special Town Meeting in March. At that meeting, the project can be presented properly with a PowerPoint presentation, and Chief Abbott could present the needs of the police force to the townspeople.

Ms. Pacheco states the elementary school spends \$6,000 per year just to test their water, and the elementary school installed a Well in 2012 and 2014. As each Well is installed, the acreage to build is reduced as the radius must be protected. Water output is also in question, such as if two buildings share a Well, the water output is greatly reduced, and not only is a Town Water Line beneficial to the Town and future generations, it is safer than a Well, which could fail and temporarily close a school until the water is treated.

Chief Abbot discussed the possibility of new police radios, as the current police radios are very basic. As we are trying to stay within the budget of \$9,000, state of the art digital radios would unlikely happen without a Grant, and at this time there are none available. It maybe a good idea to look into analog radio with the capability to switch to digital down the line with the help of a Grant.

Mr. DiGiammo presents a video on Design Development. As the intent is to lower the costs, the 3 most expensive elements of the constructing the exterior of the building are 1) the paving, 2) the retaining wall and 3) the Sub-Surface draining. The Clapboard, windows, insulation, roofing and parking lots are also covered.

Interior Designer, Heidi Mulholland of Kaestle Boos Associates, presents samples and illustrations for carpeting, flooring and paint for the new police station, discussing what is better suited for the needs of the police force. Samples of preliminary finishes for Tiling, Carpeting, rubber tiles, flooring in high traffic areas as well as flooring for office space are presented. One particular item of interest is the Carpet Tiling, which is thicker than residential carpeting, provides sound absorption, is durable and individual pieces can be replaced easily. Epoxy Paint (washable), and High Density shelving are also presented.