



TOWN OF FREETOWN

Police Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 30, 2018

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

PRESENT: Lisa Pacheco, Chairwoman, David DeManche, Town Administrator, Carlton Abbott, Chief of Police, Sgt. Benjamin Levesque, Officer Mark Fornaciari, Mary Rezendes-Brown, and Paul Sadeck

ALSO PRESENT: Taylor MacDonald (Pomroy Associates) and Andy DiGiammo (CGA)

ABSENT: Robert Jose, Charlie Sullivan

This meeting was recorded by FREECAM

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ms. Pacheco.

TOPIC: Open Meeting Law Complaint

Ms. Pacheco announces there has been an Open Meeting complaint filed with the Attorney General's Office by Patrick Higgins on 10/09/18. The basis of the complaint Police Sub-committee Meeting Minutes were not filed. The committee is to discuss and approve Town Counsel's proposed response to the complaint.

Ms. Pacheco states the meeting minutes in question were voted upon and approved by the committee prior to Mr. Higgins filing the complaint, therefore the committee should be all set. Ms. Pacheco states Timm has resigned as the recording secretary.

Chief Abbott suggests Town Counsel insert language noting the Police Sub-Committee Meetings are videotaped and broadcast to the community, along with postings located in the Town's YouTube Channel.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Sadeck to authorize Town Counsel to send the proposed written response to the Attorney General's Office with the addition of Chief Abbott's suggested language, Seconded by Sgt. Levesque. Unanimously approved.

TOPIC: Bid Results

Mr. MacDonald announces he has updated the budget, which shows the final number. The project had 7 General Contractor Bids, the lowest being HV Collins out of Providence, Rhode Island. The next bidder

was \$500,000 higher, with the highest bid being 11.7 Million. HV Collins DCAMM rating is 89, noting the failing grade is an 80. A review was done on HV Collins' DCAMM ratings and there appeared to be no major issues.

Mr. MacDonald states he has worked with the majority of subcontractors, with the exception VNG Iron, as they have 89 rating, all the other subcontractors have a DCAMM ratings above 90.

A Letter of Notice of Intent sent to HV Collins, stating a contract will be signed once the town funding/ Ballot Vote is approved. HV Collins agreed to those terms.

A Seekonk HVAC subcontractor did have a protest. The Seekonk subcontractor placed his bid, along with a hired ATC Control Contractor. The ATC Control Contractor sent an email 10 minutes before the bid was due, requesting to retract their bid. During a hearing, the State's determination was the protest was denied, citing that 10 minutes was not enough notice time to make a change, and as it was a bonafide bid, the Seekonk Subcontractor may use another ATC Control Contractor at the same bid price. Mr. MacDonald states the lowest electrical contractor bid was MV Electrical, but the bid award is going to American Electrical out of Plymouth, probably to satisfy the Minority Business Owner requirements, as American Electrical is owned by a female.

Mr. MacDonald states the budget is updated and he removed all the contingencies, added in the Collins Bid, along with the soft costs, and the total contingency amount is also listed. This total amount would be the budget moving forward if the money is awarded.

TOPIC: Builders Risk Insurance

Mr. MacDonald states they are working on the Builder's Risk questionnaire. Mr. DeManche states he has contacted Adrienne Magnolia from Meyer, and she recommends the Town take out the insurance, not the Contractor, as the Town can avoid paying markup charges.

Mr. MacDonald states he will send over information to Mr. DeManche once he receives it back from CGA, as he is awaiting information on a few codes.

TOPIC: Construction Testing Services

Mr. MacDonald stated Construction Testing Services are required, as they are a 3rd party tester during the construction of the project. There is an amount in the budget for these services and Mr. MacDonald will get 3 quotes. The testing services focus on compaction of soils, testing of the concrete, steel and the steel connections.

TOPIC: Schedule Update

The only schedule update is the dates for the Town Meeting and Ballots Vote and some Project Marketing with some Signs. Officer Fornaciari presents a Project Marketing Sign, illustrating the dates of the Town Meeting and Ballot Vote, and presenting a sample of the Mailer proposed to be sent to

residents of the town, including P.O. Boxes. Sgt. Levesque states the Police Station had an open house last Saturday, and there was roughly 30 people in attendance. Another open house at the Police Department is scheduled for next Saturday, November 3rd.

Discussion about how to reach more people, other than Facebook, Project marketing Signs, Newspaper articles, and informational meetings. Informational Sessions at the Public Library and Senior Centers and the Town Hall are among the suggestions. Mr. MacDonald suggests Mr. DiGiammo can create Renderings on Poster Board to be displayed at different locations. Sgt. Levesque suggests a printed copy of the Powerpoint Presentation can be placed in a binder and left in several public locations for viewing.

Ms. Pacheco states a 2/3rd's vote is needed at the Town Meeting and majority win in the Ballot Vote for the project to move forward. Ms. Pacheco notes the 6.5 Million is the amount to be financed, not the 12 Million Price tag. The initial 6 Million has been put aside by the Town of Freetown for projects, and that information needs to be clear to the residents/voters.

TOPIC: Operating Costs

Chief Abbott stated some people have questioned the operational costs. Mr. MacDonald states he and Mr. DiGiammo can come up with some estimated values.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Officer Fornaciari to adjourn, Seconded by Sgt. Levesque. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

This is a true record by me:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Catrina Goncalves', written over a horizontal line.

Attest: Catrina Goncalves
Recordings Clerk