



TOWN OF FREETOWN

Police Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 10, 2018

A meeting of the Police Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m, at the Council on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown.

PRESENT: Robert Jose, Acting Chairman, David DeManche, Town Administrator, Carlton Abbott, Chief of Police, Sgt. Benjamin Levesque, Officer Mark Fornaciari, Mary Rezendes-Brown, Paul Sadeck and Charlie Sullivan.

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

ABSENT: Lisa Pacheco, Chairwoman

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Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mr. Jose. Mr. Jose goes over the agenda and turns over meeting to Andy DiGiammo.

TOPIC: Design Update

Mr. DiGiammo states 50% of the documents have been submitted last Friday, currently preparing for the 75% submittal. There are 2 new items/updates he would like to discuss:

Proceeding with Phase 2 of the geotechnical exploration (borings), as we have already completed Phase 1, consisting of test pits and a perk test. He would like permission to get the Boring Rig on site and schedule the beginning of Phase 2 next week or the week after.

Design of a Well on site: A location has been selected to explore and the decision needs to be made in regards to hiring a consultant to design a Well, based on the location, casing and size. Mr. Digiammo states the Well design is not part of the contractors package. Mr. MacDonald states though the cost of designing a Well is not part of the contractors package, it is part of the overall cost.

Engineers have also proceeded with the design change of moving the sprinkler systems uphill, eliminating the excavation of a deep well on the site, as discussed in the last meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made Officer Mark Fornaciari to proceed with Phase 2, Geotechnical exploration of the site, Seconded by Sgt. Levesque. Unanimously approved.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan to proceed with the design of the Well, seconded by Mr. Sadeck, Unanimously approved.

TOPIC: PowerPoint Presentation

Mr. DiGiammo presents a PowerPoint draft of the Freetown Police Department Project to be used for public outreach.

Presentation highlights reasons needed for a new police station, citing deplorable conditions the police staff are working in. The major issues being security, lack of storage space, water leaks, building hazards, rodent infestation, vermiculite insulation, lack of fire sprinklers and handicap accessibility.

Renovating the building and fixing violations is expensive, and not cost effective for a long term solution, as it will cost more to renovate per square foot as opposed to a new station. Due to the expansion of space in the second floor attic space, the new station would be designed for longevity and low maintenance for pennies on the dollar. Discussion as where to best display the PowerPoint presentation: suggestions included local schools, town events, mass town mailing, or the town website with a direct link to YouTube and/or Facebook.

The current building is not adequate for a police station, but it is not to be torn down, as taxpayers money was spent to remedy the issues with the building. The failings of the building affect the sensitive nature of police work, i.e., Victim/ Perpetrator separation, sexual assault investigations, etc.

Mr. DiGiammo and Mr. MacDonald will design a cost comparison between this project and other local police stations.

Mr. DeManche will work with the Town Accountant as to how much money is available relative to the project. It was stressed that the new police station would not solely rely on new taxation, but excess money in taxation. Actual cost to the taxpayer, per year, is to be determined at a later date.

TOPIC: Security Meeting

Mr. DiGiammo requests to schedule a security meeting with Chief Abbott and the hardware consultant, GGD, and electrical engineers. Following up with the interior design consultant is also planned.

TOPIC: Pre-Qualification

Mr. MacDonald announces that since the estimate of DD is below 10 million, the Town does not have to apply for Pre-Qualification. Therefore, there is no need for the pre-qualification special committee, as it is the normal bidding procedure.

MOTION:

Motion made by Officer Mark Fornaciari to scheduled the next meeting on July 25, 2018, @ 5:30 , Seconded by Sgt. Levesque. Not approved, Mr. DiGiammo has a schedule conflict.

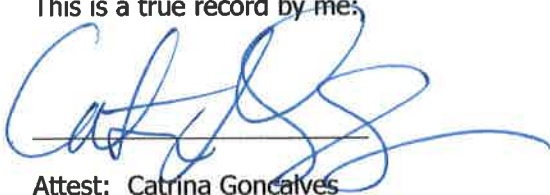
MOTION:

Motion amended by Officer Fornaciari to schedule the next meeting on July 26, 2018 @ 5:30, Seconded by Sgt. Levesque. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Rezendes-Brown, Seconded by Officer Fornaciari. Unanimously approved.

This is a true record by me:

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

Attest: Catrina Goncalves
Recordings Clerk