

## Foster Police Department Building Committee

Thursday January 20, 2022 @ 5:30 PM @ Ben Eddy Building and Hybrid as required by Executive Order

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - Joe W called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM after technical difficulties were resolved
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. REVIEW OF THE ABBREVIATED MEETING DEMOCRATIC RULES OF ORDER
  - Joe W reviewed the democratic rules of order and the purpose of the police station building committee
- IV. ROLL CALL
  - Present (Brayton, DiFranco, Walsh, Walden, Breit-*via zoom*)
  - Absent (Breit, Mara, Renzi)
- V. MINUTES
  - Minutes for December 29, 2021 meeting: MMS and approved as presented
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - No new correspondence at this time
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - MMS AND APPROVED TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD ITEM K, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, NO VOTES OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN**
  - A) BRIEF UPDATE
    - a) No new updates
  - B) UPDATE ON ARCHITECT ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL PROPOSAL
    - a) this is an agenda item for the 1.27.22 Town Council Meeting
  - C) RECOMMENDATION FROM SOLICITOR
    - a) No new info at this time
  - D) ACTION OF TOWN COUNCIL
    - a) No action at this time, anticipated action after 1.27.22 TC meeting
  - E) UPDATE ON RFQ FOR ARCHITECT
    - a) No action at this time
  - F) REVIEW OF PLAN MODIFICATIONS
    - a) Chief Breit commented that he is working on a potential plan to relocate communications area in the facility
    - b) Public Question: Will the committee be looking into making the building as energy efficient as possible? *Response:* Yes, we will be looking at all available design options, most of which are required to qualify for National Grid rebates, and providing a ROI scenario. The Town is bound to some degree by the allocation vote on the overall project, however any items that have an initial investment but an attractive return on the investment should be considered by the Town Council when that time comes.
  - G) COMMENTS FROM FOSTER POLICE ON DESIGN
    - a) None
  - H) POTENTIAL GRANT/LOAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
    - a) Joe W reported that the federal funding is still in flux at the RI State House however we are asking for assistance if available

- b) A discussion was held on the APRA funds of which there is still some ambiguity on what exactly we can allocate money to on some projects
  - c) Denise DiFranco met via zoom with Chris Albert from Senator Reeds office and Ann Correia from USDA department of Rural Development on 1.11.22.
  - d) After a review with the FPDBC a MMS and approved to forward all the literature on grant opportunities to the Town Council for review and decision if they wish to pursue.
- I) NATIONAL GRID REBATES
    - a) No new info at this time.
  - J) NEXT STEPS
    - a) Set next meeting date of 2.2.22 5:30 at the Ben Eddy Building
  - K) COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DISCUSSION ONLY**
    - a) a discussion was held about the new communication system. Tom Walden wished to express interest in having a layer of redundancy by retaining a professional that is knowledgeable, consult on the appropriate design for the system so it will safely and efficiently suit the needs of the town for many years. Gordy Brayton commented that we do not have the standard frequency system that most other departments use. This has caused some issues when mutual aid is needed and we should be working towards becoming compatible with the standards that most if not all others comply with. The committee will agenda this item for next meeting for discussion and action.***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Questions were asked:**

***a) Will the USDA grant information be reviewed and acted on. Response: The Town Council is ultimately responsible for the financial aspect for the project. The committee has voted to forward the information we have to the Town Council for review.***

***b) Will there be redundancy on the project? Response: After clarification of the question, a discussion was held on the importance of having redundancy on power generation, communication, internet access etc. This building, being the first new structure in many years, should be the place for people to consider a secure place in the time of emergency. Not only by the purpose of the structure but also with the ability to assure the building can still operate normally in most any emergency.***

VIII. Future Agenda Items

No new items

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by T. Walden, Seconded by D, DiFranco. Call to question Approve (Brayton, DiFranco, Walsh, Walden, Breit)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by Joe Walsh on behalf of Secretary Mara