

## Foster Police Department Building Committee

Thursday November 23, 2022 @ 5:30 PM @ Ben Eddy Building

# Approved

### CALL TO ORDER

- Joe W called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. 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. Chairman Walsh announced there was no quorum and the committee could engage in discussion but no action.
- III. ROLL CALL
  - Present (Brayton, DiFranco, Walsh)
  - Absent (Breit, Mara, Renzi, Cunniff)
  - **No quorum**
- IV. MINUTES
  - Minutes for September 15<sup>th</sup> were distributed: minutes were reviewed for future vote
- V. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - No new correspondence at this time
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A) BRIEF UPDATE
    - a) Updated floor plans were displayed. Discussion to hold a meeting to review and approve.
  - B) TIME FRAMES
    - a) ERA will provide an updated schedule once the committee or TC approve changes
  - C) LAND OVERVIEW
    - a) Once the final design is 100%, the land will be subdivided\*.
  - D) REVIEW OF PLAN MODS
    - a) As discussed in item A
  - E) COMMENTS FROM POLICE
    - a) None at this time
  - F) SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES
    - a) Unclear what the issues will be when construction commences
  - G) GRANTS AND LOANS
    - a) Potential info from Senator Reeds office in November, Denise will follow up with Senator Reeds office
  - H) LEGISLATION
    - a) Joe W will review with Representative Chippendale before the session opens then meet with the Speaker and Senate President
  - I) NATIONAL GRID/RI ENERGY DISCUSSIONS ON REBATES
    - a) Need to get to construction plans to continue discussion
  - J) COMMUNITY AREA
    - a) Detailed on plans, no new information
  - K) NEXT STEPS
    - a) Meeting to review and possibly approve set for December 1, 2022 at 5:15 before the TC meeting

## L) COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

- a) Some discussion on locations of new emergency towers at Woody Lowden and Luther Road.

**Public comment:** Is there was any truth to the rumor that the land is tied up in a lawsuit.

**A:** As far as the entirety of the members know, there is zero truth to that rumor. It would be the opposite of the donors wishes and therefore nonsensical. Chairman Walsh suggested if anyone hears that rumor, to ask for evidence from the source. If there is any basis in fact then committee would obviously be very interested in knowing about it.

**Public Comment:** is there anything that can be done to speed up the process?

**A:** Chairman Walsh answered that we are at that point where the board has done about all they can do until RFP. The fortunate part of the slow public process is the Town has been gifted this amazing site for the Police Station that we would not have had if this went twice as quick. The board now has what we believe will be the final design to fit the location. We now will meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> to approve the design and then it is in the hands of the architect to get us to construction plans to release for competitive bid. We should be close at that time to be able to provide the size of the lot needed for the subdivision of which is not known until the design is 100% approved.

## VIII. Future Agenda Items

No new items

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by G. Brayton, Seconded by D, DiFranco.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 PM

***Respectfully submitted by Joe Walsh on behalf of Secretary Mara***