

Municipal Building Committee Meeting
March 2, 2020

Members in Attendance: Peter Cohen, Brad Havill, Stephanie Beling, Melissa Roller, Kathryn Wilson, Roger Manzolini, Gloria Morse, Kristin Smith, Danielle Fillio
Pat Callahan present via speaker phone

Others in Attendance: Curtis Edgin (O & M), Dan Pallotta (P3) Rob Todisco (P3)

Public in Attendance: Katherine Kennum, Bob Gniadek

Kathryn acted as Chairman as Pat was not attending in person.

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

Motion to approve minutes from meeting February 24, 2020; seconded with minor corrections and approved.

Dan updated us with the number of the estimate that he received last week. He and Curtis worked over the weekend to fine tune it before presenting it to us tonight.

Cost breakdown included total construction cost as well as the addition of all other costs associated. This is inclusive of site prep and parking lot, school well use and fire storage water. Does not include solar but will be designed to receive solar. Town may decide to get a grant for solar or add it at a later date.

Roger discussed breaking it into two numbers; one with the town hall and one without the town hall. Dan and Curtis will split those numbers and get back to the committee. These numbers are generally for information and to answer questions that may come from residents.

It was the feeling of the committee that the estimate was not a shock. It was brought up that maybe Dan should go back and "decrease the number". Dan reported that they have already decreased the original number they received from the estimator last week. This is the number that gets appropriated.

Danielle shared that now that we have an estimate the town fiscal advisor will send the town some options to discuss with Danielle, Bob and Dan. Danielle and Bob will be meeting on Wednesday.

Kathryn reviewed some sample questions and possible responses that may get asked. Discussion around possible questions and responses was had. These are still in the early draft phase.

Public Informational sessions were discussed.

Curtis feels that images for these sessions can be generated by the end of March. Information sessions can be started the 2nd week of April.

Tentatively set for:

April Thursday 16th at the library 5:30pm

April Saturday 25th at the town hall 10:00am

April Wednesday April 29th at the town hall 6:00 pm

Next steps:

Pat and Kathryn will reach out to the Richmond Record and Berkshire Eagle to get information/an article written. Handouts can be made to be sent through the mail as well as left at public places in town. They will get a robo-call set up for reminders of the informational session dates & times.

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the library

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm, seconded and approved.