

Danbury Public Safety Building Committee

May 9, 2024

Danbury Volunteer Fire Department

Present: James Farmer, David Cummings, Lenny Ryan, Marilyn Godfrey, Anna Hullinger, Jeremy Martin (Fire Chief), Becky Huntoon (Admin PD), Jessica Hatch (Chair), Chris Kelby (Police Chief); Brandon Bliss (Deputy Fire Chief); Steve Kulacz ; Frank Ullmer (Lt Fire Dept)

Meeting Opened at 7:06 PM by Jessica

Motion by Jessica to accept the meeting Minutes from April 9 as presented; 2nd by Anna; all in favor.

James presented a copy of a plan, that were provided by Chris Huyler (unable to attend tonight's meeting), as he had spoke of them at the April meeting and the photos that had been shared with the meeting minutes, of the building his employer had been involved in building in Meredith.

A discussion regarding if this building was specked out similarly to the design we were presented by Construx.

Chief Martin got a quote from a vent system for the truck exhausts: it included 6 hook ups (one for each bay), a control panel, but it does not include the electrical work or exhausting the system through the roof.

Discussion on getting other quotes, possibly from a Fire Protection company- to see what some of the items are pulled out of the larger quote (this suggestion was based on comments and concerns from the community).

Discussion on what a General Contractor would do and what a breakdown might look like or include.

Jessica stated that she had spoke with Wallace again and that they might be able to get a better quote.

Discussion regarding- the bottom question being- what should we be focusing on and what should we be thinking about presenting in the next budget cycle and what that might look like.

- Building how much \$
 - o What does a building size look like with needs by each department on an interior build (if both Fire & Police are in the same building).
 - Chief Kelby spoke to what a minimum the PD might need for space (it was very similar to what was discussed in the previous proposal of converting the current Fire Station into the PD looked like) and what

spaced might be okay to share, but optimally it would be better to have two spaces, or at least find a way to co-exist, but separate (sound proof, especially in interview and office spaces)

- 2 office, one open patrol room space (for officers to work on reports), booking space, an interview room, evidence room, armory room, booking space (holding cell would be compliant for JV/ Adult separation compliance), a handicap accessible public restroom and one for employees; a sally port could be optional (but is ideal).
- Okay for a shared training room space.
- We need to better educate the public about what happens at the Police Department (why the space request is the way it is)
- Additional items (interior, exterior, other) \$
- Lenny state he would be willing to chat with someone at Belletes regarding a quote for a wooden structure.

Discussion regarding to hire or not hire an engineer for a newer design.

- At the last meeting Jon presented an idea, was hoping it could be shared and discussed further again.
 - Building as a square **box** would be cheaper, without the eels and multiple roof pitches.
- Discussion that we could spend \$ on an engineer, but that past history on town builds was that the **engineered** design was not **always the** final product

Cost is still a concern,

- **Are there any** state regulations specifically to bullet proofing the building?
 - Chief Kelby said he would look into this.
- Marilyn suggested that we show the price for 2 individual buildings and one combined
 - Comes back to the early discussion of what each department needs
 - Present at an informational meeting
 - Discussion regarding that's what was done last year, there was no to little input until it was on the ballot, we can only have one item on the ballot. (Discussion on what is required of a Bond Hearing before appearing on a ballot)
 - Present as a 'cap' on the amount of money to be spent, if it's able to come in under budget, everyone wins.
- Discussion regarding renovations- two buildings versus one building
 - How long did it take Bristol to get their building approved?
 - How long has this process been going on and how long we've been building up towards this
 - How to present a positive spin and keep the momentum moving forward versus stalling out.
 - Cleaning up the lot that we have and keeping it maintained.

- A professional building= Town Pride= Recruitment
- Septic Design
 - Has a 5 year shelf life
- Survey of the Towns people- survey monkey like PB or something different

Idea of a Touch a Truck on the lot, with the fire trucks 'parked' in the potential spaces.

June 23 from 2-4 PM.

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Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 7pm. These dates have been posted on the Town Website.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM