

Danbury Safety Building Committee

Sept 12, 2024

Danbury Town Hall

Members Present: James Farmer, David Cummings, Lenny Ryan, Becky Huntoon (Admin PD), Jessica Hatch (Chair), Jon Johnson, Chris Huyler, Chris Kelby (Police Chief), Marilyn Godfrey, Jeremy Martin (Fire Chief), Anna Hullinger

Members Absent: Steve Kulacz,

Public Present:

Meeting Opened at 7:03 PM by Hatch

Motion by Farmer to accept the meeting Minutes from August 29 as presented; 2nd by Ryan; all in favor.

Design discussions- both Huyler and Johnson presented sketches with the changes from the last meeting, plus another idea was presented. Huyler suggested that tonight we choose one option and an exterior tonight and then make sure the interior became a priority at the next meeting.

A brief discussion about who owns the property behind the lot and if it had been discussed with the Selectboard to approach a lot line adjustment—to Hatch’s knowledge it had not been discussed with the Selectboard, so they had not asked/ been done. Discussion then turned into what would be gained from the adjustment, parking and turning radius. A consult of Google Earth and the tax map was looked at, it was not decided if this would be a necessary discussion for a lot line adjustment.

Chief Kelby was asked to share his concerns and questions over the designs and interior layout (he had missed the first meeting in August when this was previously discussed). Discussion regarding the measurement in the designs, as a new cruiser is approximately 20 feet long.

Discussion on how to get quotes for a build from a concept design sketch, and that the possibility that a narrower design option may open up a wood frame possibility vs a steel structure.

Johnson clarified the design that he presented was the same footprint as the design from last year, but with a change of the interior, the footprint remained similar and that it was his opinion that a steel structure would likely be a lesser price and more structurally sound than a wood frame. Also he reminded the committee that the feedback last year was to have only one ‘purchase’ and to be done, not have to come back for more money later because it wasn’t built big enough to begin with. The sketch he was working with was the 80 x 100 box, with one of the truck bays being turned into a Sally Port for the PD; he suggested that stacked apparatus would be a loss of time when it came time for a response; the ‘new’ design has room for 5 trucks and allows for the FD & PD to be in the same facility, but separated for security/ safety reasons.

Godfrey said that from what she heard last year was that we should build once, with less worry about a long-distance future, have a shared building and that she also felt that the building should be steel.

Further discussions narrowed down the sketches presented to the original design adapted by Johnson and the design that was presented tonight. Further discussions about the two designs and the needs of the two departments from the Chiefs.

Chief Martin stated that he would attempt to contact the company that gave us a quote last year to see if there was a significant price difference.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 26 at 7PM at the Town Hall.

A reminder of the CIP Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7 PM

Motion to adjourn by Martin, seconded by Hatch. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM