

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 9, 2012
APPROVED**

Present: Jack Petropoulos, Chairman; Jeremy Januskiewicz, Vice Chairman; Mike Bouchard, Clerk; Halsey Platt; Michael Bouchard; Susan Daly, Ex-Officio; Chief Joe Bosselait, Ex-Officio,

Absent: Val Prest

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 10:05am

MINUTES

Mr. Platt moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 27, 2012, as amended. Ms. Daley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Haddad distributed minutes from Dore & Whittier from the last meeting. The Fire Department will meet with the architects at 7pm on Monday March 12th. Mr. Haddad reported that site work will begin on the Trust site on Tuesday, March 13th. Mr. Haddad stated that the Prescott Preliminary report was submitted by the Architect Joel Bargeman. Mr. Haddad stated that the projected cost of rehabbing Prescott was 7million dollars. Mr. Petropoulos suggested calling out the qualifications of each site and to show comparisons. Mr. Platt suggested that Mr. Bargeman come to a building committee to present. Discussion ensued as to when Mr. Bargeman should come to a building committee meeting. Mr. Platt suggested maybe sending the Prescott report to Dore and Whittier. It was decided by the group that they wanted Dore and Whittier to stay focused and not send them the report. Mr. Haddad suggested waiting until both reports are done and presenting them at the same time to the committee. Mr. Petropoulos stated that at the public hearing on the 21st all three sites would be discussed and asked if Mr. Bargeman should come after that hearing to the committee. The group agreed that the architect coming in after the hearing would be a good idea.

Discussion of square footage was discussed. Mr. Petropoulos stated that all costs needed to be included to prepare comparisons. The group decided that Mr. Bargeman come in on march 26th at 4:30pm. The group agreed to have GELD in to a meeting on March 19th at 4:30pm.

CRITERIA FOR COMPARISON

Mr. Petropoulos listed some criteria to the committee.

1. Response Time
2. Overlap of West Groton Station and Trust Land.
3. East Groton Coverage
4. Zoning Limitations
5. Conservation Commission Requirements
6. Costs: Land Acquisition; Architect/Engineer; Site Walk etc.; Renovations
7. Neighborhood Concerns
8. Impact on Other Town initiatives
9. Growth Plan
10. Utilization of Existing Facilities
11. Availability of Public use
12. Utility Availability

In regards to Response Time Chief Joe stated that there was a complexity to it that was not easily understood. Mr. Petropoulos stated that the response to Response Time explanation needed to be simple. Mr. Platt suggested a demographic disbursement in town to see historical call data. Mr. Haddad noted that with utilities the Trust site was the only site that needed more consideration with sewer and a possible extension of the district. Mr. Haddad stated that the Trusts plan is to subdivide the land and to place house lots on it in the future. Mr. Platt suggested within the Trust offer an extension of the sewer. Mr. Petropoulos stated that he would send the criteria list out to members.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bouchard suggested starting the hearing with basic answers to questions like, why we need a station, the three sites and an overview of the criteria the committee will be using to evaluate all the sites. Mr. Haddad stated that the purpose of the hearing is to gather facts and concerns. Mr. Platt suggested having a comment sheet at the hearing. Chief Joe suggested getting on agenda around town to discuss the station. Mr. Petropoulos suggested posting on the local blog titled Talk About Groton. Mr. Haddad was opposed to using this blog to put out information on the committee. Ms. Eliot stated that it was a liability issue and it places the town at risk.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bouchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35am. Mr. Januskiewicz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Mike Bouchard, Clerk

respectfully *submitted*,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 3-19-12