

## **Town Office Building Committee**

### **Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2012**

Chairman Jim Lally called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Jim Lally, George Keithan, David Gross, Lou Annino, Scott Perry (new member) and Gina Regolo. Daniel Haas (new member) arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Visitor present: Catherine Iino, Kate Novick

Lou Annino made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 20. David Gross the motion. The motion carried.

Gina Regolo will have a draft of the annual report for the fiscal year July 2011 to June 2012 available for the committee's review at the next meeting.

The group took a few minutes to make introductions and to share respective backgrounds. Visitor Kate Novick is an engineer who has a background in Emergency Management facilities. The veteran members spent some time reviewing the committees' charge and activities to date.

There was a brief discussion regarding the recent \$500,000 STEAP award for the town's emergency management center. Scott Perry asked if the grant binds us to a 2-story building. Cathy Iino assured him that it did not. Kate Novick outlined some of the likely design criteria which would most likely include: resilient construction, outside of flood zones, outside of high hazard and traffic areas, with reliable power and communications. Cathy Iino will be sending the copies of the STEAP grant application along with the referenced addendum to the committee.

George Keithan presented the proposal from Jacunski Humes to help us with an evaluation of the existing modular and revised plans. George Keithan made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that we enter into this agreement for both the structural analysis and revised plan and to approve an expenditure of \$9,600. Daniel Haas seconded the motion. Scott Perry asked that George send him the spreadsheet which outlines the initial square footage recommendations. Cathy had the spread sheet and made copies for all at the meeting.

The committee spent some time discussing why they felt that the referendum might have failed. Theories ranged from timing, need, size, cost, lack of information to perhaps an overabundance of information.

The committee discussed issue of transparency and the concern that perhaps a percentage of the town's people felt that they were not getting enough information.

In light of the number of public presentations and publications, the veteran members of the committee were a bit disappointed in this observation.

Members of the committee will attend the Selectmen's meeting on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7 .p.m. to answer any questions with regard to the Jacunski Humes proposal.

The committee agreed to call a special meeting on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to meet with Brian Humes of Jacunski Humes.

Approval of the 2013 meeting schedule was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Regolo  
Acting Recording Secretary