

# **Town of Kingston, NH**

## **Fire Station Building Committee**

### **MINUTES**

Meeting of August 10, 2022 6:00 pm

Kingston Fire Station

1. Call to Order by Mark Furlong at 6:15 pm by Chairman Mark Furlong; present are Phil Coombs, Brian Gallant, Kent Walker, Chuck Hart, Andrew Berridge, Mark Furlong and Chief Graham Pellerin (via phone).
2. Old Business
  - a. Approve minutes of July 6, 2022: motion was made by Brian with second by Chuck to approve the minutes as written; passed unanimously (PUNA).
3. New Business
  - a. Building update: The Committee took a full tour of the building to see how things have settled in and to view first hand some of the final work done since the last tour. After the tour the Committee returned to the conference room and Kent Walker added a few comments about remaining items. He indicated that Bauen will have Eric Cooper (site supervisor) on-site for at least another month to finish or supervise the completion of items on the punch list. Kent also reviewed an issue that was discovered with some moisture in the basement; Kent and Graham have been working with Bauen to determine the source and the preliminary conclusion is that this is moisture coming out of the concrete foundation and not an actual leak; the thinking is that the concrete never fully dried after there had been water in the basement earlier in the project. Further work is being done to remove the moisture with dehumidifiers and to monitor for any additional moisture. Kent also mentioned that shelving has been ordered for the mezzanine area for that to be better organized. Overall Chief Pellerin is happy with the progress of getting settled but there is still work to be done.
  - b. Items to review/approve: Kent Walker
    - i. Irrigation System: Kent explained that he and Graham had worked on getting three quotes for irrigation systems from local vendors. Carson Landscaping, Vater Irrigation and Rockingham Irrigation. All of the quotes were quite similar in price but they all will need to add about \$ 500 for boring under the pavement to reach a few areas of lawn that was not included. Motion was made by Graham, with second by Chuck to accept the low bidder (Rockingham Irrigation) for up to \$ 8000 to include the amount needed for boring under the pavement. There was a lengthy discussion about the water source for the irrigation system, needed filtration, etc. At this point the costs for the filtration are unknown but a quote is expected from a local vendor. Motion was withdrawn to allow more time to gather information and bring this back to the Committee.
    - ii. Landscaping: Brian had worked on getting a quote from Landscaper's Depot for some trees (3 Sugar Maple and 3 Japanese Maple, approximately 13 feet tall) to add to the trees that are being transplanted on the site. Landscaper's Depot was generous with their discount and quoted \$ 1675.80. There was a discussion about obtaining another quote from a local nursery

and Graham will request that. Motion was made by Phil to approve up to \$ 1700 for this item, second by Andrew, PUNA.

- iii. Generator/grant process: Graham updated the Committee on the grant application process; he explained that he was under the impression that the grant for the emergency generator had been submitted some time ago. He recently learned that it had not been submitted but it has been now and will be reviewed by the Governor and Executive Council in early September. He has requested that our application be expedited but is unsure if that will happen. He has also asked for clarification if the grant needs to be approved before the expenditure is made but is still waiting for that clarification.

There was a discussion by the Committee about it's previous action to move forward by the end of August if the grant is not approved. The Committee acknowledged that the grant is for \$ 68,000 and that we should not give up on that easily, but the building cannot be completed until this is installed. Both Bauen and SMP are anxious to be finished with this project in the near future. There was no motion to reconsider the previous action.

Graham also explained that there is a second grant application for furniture and equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for \$ 52,000. This grant application is being submitted and he plans to wait to purchase the furniture and equipment until the grant process is completed.

- iv. Other Business: Kent mentioned that he has received one quote for the truck fill pump and is awaiting another one which he should have within a week. Graham discussed the Open House and the need to set a date for the Fall, setting the date needs to happen soon.

- 4. Set next meeting date: next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2022 at 6 pm at the Fire Station.
- 5. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Mark second by Andrew, PUNA; meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.