

FDAC Meeting November 2, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Scott Talbot, Bob Bartlett, Wes Staples, Randall Walter, and Tracey Brown

Minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting were accepted on a motion by Harry Nelson and seconded by Wes Staples.

Tom began the meeting reminding members that he will be meeting with the Conservation Commission this Thursday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss their correspondence with the BOS. Members are welcome to join him. He will also be meeting with the BOS later that day to discuss the results of tonight's budget work.

Scott expressed his thoughts that this committee had intended to have a building budget in the \$1.5 Million price range. For all intents and purposes, the proposed building is actually very close to that at \$1.77M, but the contingency costs and other costs have brought the budget into the \$2.6M range. The public should be aware of that.

The rest of the meeting involved a line-by-line discussion of cost cutting and eliminating or reducing items in the budget.

- Site work: Eliminate the wash truck cistern for now; trucks will be washed outside. This will be first on the Wish List of things to be added back. Structural fill has other options which can reduce that cost. Retaining wall work can be reduced. The SVE estimate for the drain was brought up again, and there may be money from FEMA to assist in that design cost. This drain will need to be the first part of the construction.
- Masonry: Cut the stone masonry and replace with siding.
- Wainscotting: Eliminate.
- Doors and Windows: Solar-tubes were eliminated. Eliminate a few windows: windows over the bay area will be reduced. Eliminate the store front, which saves on foundation costs as well. Eliminate 3 or 4 rows of glass in the garage doors.
- Specialties: Remove the appliances, seek other methods of procurement.
- HVAC: Solar panels may be sought if grants are available.

Follow-up discussion involved areas where volunteers may participate to cut costs; this may depend on the position of the contractor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett