

## **Public Safety Complex Committee**

November 11, 2020 @ 6:30

Via Zoom, recorded

**Present:** Skip Pichette, Chris Brooks, Steve Holt, John Zimmerman, Dave White, Phil Dowling, Laurie Sanders

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

The focus of the meeting was educating the public, how to hold town meeting and making sure it is timely. The Committee hopes that work can begin in April. Steve stated that there is the original powerpoint and the flyer.

Among the areas to cover are how to pay for it, re debt exclusion.

**Venues and formats to inform the public:** zoom, video, laminate prints, town website, emails.....physical locations: walk through at Town Hall, transfer station, list serve, church & library. No lawn signs.

Steve reported that the potential bid dates are January 7<sup>th</sup> for subs and January 14<sup>th</sup> for general contractor.

It will be important to have projected interest rates.

The committee discussed a potential town meeting in February and what that might look like.

The GC will be asked to hold the bid for 90-120 days.

Skip suggested that a temporary building could be purchased to house DPW vehicles and that the blocks could be kept warm. Cost estimates: 40 x 50' = \$25-40K

### **Information for public**

*Value for why to proceed now:*

- GCs are hungry for work
- Interest rates are low (3.5-4.5%)
- Not wasting \$ on existing building
- Montague Road Solar System will come on-line in 2021 and provide \$80-100K/year
- Money in bids = real
- Currently in sweet spot
- For example: \$300K/20 years at 2.7%
- No other big projects
- What does it mean per household
- How much contingency (8%?)
- Rendering of drawing.

Owner pricing still needed and to be gathered by committee

- Demo (Skip will work on)
- IT
- Door hardware
- Security
- Furnishings
- Paving

Fundraising and support: energy efficiency grant, Eversource, Municipal Vulnerability grant, private fundraising

Minutes from October 27: Steve Holt made a motion to approve the minutes. Skip seconded. All in favor. Sanders abstained.

Next meeting 11/18/2020 by zoom at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53