

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2013

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM L101

- I. Call to Order –the meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM by Chairperson McBride.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Scott McBride, Chairperson; Myra Cohen; Sharon Braverman (arrived at 4:55); Pam Raynock; Bill DeBlasio, Jennifer Win-Johnson, and Beth Delbuono (arrived and left intermittently). Others present: Members of the public; Lee Olsen, Olsen Design Group; John Salomone, Town Manager; Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation – Phil Knowlton, 47 Bayberry Road. He encouraged the Committee to preserve open space as much as possible. He hopes that the Board of Parks and Recreation will keep an open mind about letting programs and youth groups that can't use the gym now do so in the future if the Committee goes with Scheme I.

Dave Irwin, 372 Main Street. The Committee is facing two questions. The first is, do you want to build the building? The second is, do you want the building in that location? It is a facility that will serve the public and will take part of the park.
- IV. Construction Manager Interviews – Two firms were interviewed: O & G Industries and The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. Each interview lasted between 45 minutes to one hour. Each submitted supplementary materials and a fee proposal. No action was taken.
- V. Recapitulation - Mr. Olsen led a general discussion of impressions gleaned from the interviews and the fee proposals. The consensus of the Committee was that they wish to continue to consider Downes Construction Company, The Morganti Group, and O & G Industries. The Committee members felt that these three firms did a good job in explaining their pre-referendum services and are the three that best had a clear understanding of what the Committee was looking for. Mr. Olsen will prepare a matrix to allow an accurate and comprehensive comparison of the proposed fees of the three remaining firms. He will also check references.

- VI. Any Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – The Committee agreed to hold their next meeting on February 19th at 5:30 PM.
- VII. Public Participation – None.
- VIII. Committee response to public participation – None.
- IX. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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