

Selectmen's and Municipal Facility Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 1, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Select Chair Brian Watterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Select Vice Chair and Chairman of the Municipal Facilities Committee Ron Cormier, Police Chief Vincent Baiocchetti, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Ron Mitchell, Richard Fournier, Pleasant Oberhausen, Ray Carbone of the Daily Sun, a representative of the Gilford paper, and Elson Moody.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MFC Chairman Ron Cormier suggested that the members of the committee and others present narrow down the list of potential architects by sharing with the group which ones they feel do not qualify. Richard Fournier suggested that the members state what ones they are interested in instead.

Pleasant Oberhausen shared three firms that he felt were most qualified: Warren-Street Architects, The H.L. Turner Group Inc., and Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture Inc.

Richard Fournier shared two firms that he felt were qualified: Samyn-D'Elia Architects PA, and Sumner Davis Architects Inc.

Ron Mitchell shared three firms he felt were qualified: Samyn-D'Elia Architects PA, Dennis Mires PA, and Banwell Architects PC.

Brian Watterson stated that he had rejected Warren Street Architects due to political reasons, and questioned the group as to why no one chose BreadLoaf. A few members of the committee stated that they felt it was best to stay local and had not strongly considered BreadLoaf because they are located in Vermont.

Ron Cormier shared two firms he felt were qualified: Warren-Street Architects and BreadLoaf Corporation. He noted that now that he is aware of the political reasons Brain noted about Warren-Street, he also feels they should be removed from the running.

There was some discussion surrounding the past experiences with Warren-Street Architects in regards to their past design and the abilities they have for design. It was noted that they did a good job on the previous design for the Town Office building however many in the community felt the cost was excessive.

There was discussion about receiving a guaranteed price from the firm chosen to go to bond vote with. It was stated that it might not be possible to get a guaranteed number. Ron Cormier stated that he would like to go to the voters with a fixed contract, not just estimates. There was further discussion about hiring an architect, designer, construction manager, and contractor from different firms. The benefits and drawbacks were discussed.

The committee questioned Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin what firms she had chosen to be the most qualified. Town Administrator Beaudin stated that her first choice was BreadLoaf Corporation, followed by Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Donham & Sweeney Architects, and Dennis Mires PA. She noted that her choices had extensive experience with Police Departments.

The committee asked Police Chief Vincent Baiocchetti what firms he had felt were most qualified. Chief Baiocchetti stated he had no comment and he would work with which ever architect the Town chooses.

The committee discussed the top choices of all members and settled on the top four firms being: Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Dennis Mires PA, Sumner Davis Architects Inc., and BreadLoaf Corporation.

The committee decided to bring the chosen firms, excluding BreadLoaf, in for a meeting to answer questions and discuss their ideas for the building. The meetings will be scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> and will start at 1:00 p.m., allowing 45 minutes for each firm's presentation.

Chairman Watterson moved to enter non-public session at 6:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3II(c). Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Brian Watterson and Ronald Cormier. Also present were Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Police Chief Vincent Baiocchetti.

Chairman Watterson closed the non-public session at 7:45 p.m. No decisions were made during non-public session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Brian Watterson, Chairman

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Ronald Cormier

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Reginald Caldwell