

Penfield Building Committee
Sullivan Hall
611 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT. 06824
Thursday, January 22, 2015

Present: Mr. Bradley, Mr. Graceffa, Ms. Corbett, Mr. Bass, Mr. Speciale (via skype)

Absent: Mr. Plotkin, Mr. Belitto

Others: Mr. Jan Reber, Mr. Rick Brauer, Mr. Dick Dmochowski, Mr. Urb Leimkuhler

1. Call To Order

Mr. Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda confirmed.

4. Approve Meeting Minutes (1/08/2014)

Mr. Bradley moved and Mr. Graceffa seconded a motion to waive reading and accept the minutes of 1/8/14. Motion passed.

5. Review of recent communications and correspondence

Mr. Graceffa said that all correspondence circulated, documents posted and everything is up to date.

Mr. Bradley said that two documents have been produced but have not yet circulated. He said the comparison of sq. ft. costs for Option 9 has been prepared by Shawmut. Wiles estimate had an error in it. Shawmut adjusted Wiles numbers for the comparison analysis. The Wiles drawings for Option 9 have been released for circulation.

Mr. Bass said that he had spoken to Mr. Wiles. Mr. Wiles indicated to Mr. Bass that he was in communication with Shawmut and that there was a typographical error in his (Wiles) email regarding estimated cost. However, Mr. Wiles said that regardless he stands firm in his estimated project cost of between 2.5 and 3 million dollars.

The Committee received updated three project Option 9 budgets and discussed the comparison of sq. ft. costs.

6. Review and discussion of RTM Committee Meetings 1/20 & 1/21

Mr. Bradley reported on the outcome of both the 1/20 and 1/21 RTM Committee meetings. The PBC presentations went well. Mr. Bradley expressed thanks to Mr. Graceffa. Few questions from RTM members present. Both meetings focused on the funding presentations by Mr. Mayer. Funding presentation materials provided to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the presentation for the full RTM meeting, Monday 1/26/15.

Mr. Bradley will check with the moderator of the RTM concerning the expectations in regard to the presentation.

7. Review and discuss proposed next steps regarding presentation and funding approval schedule

Mr. Dick Dmochowski, Colonial Drive, submitted and presented a letter to the Committee, dated January 22, 2015 (See attached). Mr. Dmochowski said that the local neighborhood needs relief from flooding and the Penfield project was a good starting point. He made several suggestions and asked that the Committee commit to them.

Mr. Graceffa said that he was amenable to the suggestions but he was not clear on the Committee's ability to do these things.

Mr. Bass said that it was his understanding that the \$225,000 grant money was explicitly for the bulkhead.

Mr. Dmochowski reiterated his request that the \$225,000 be used for the Neighborhood Flood Prevention.

Mr. Bradley confirmed that he had spoken to Mr. Chamberlain regarding the best way to respond to how the Penfield project might accommodate Flood and Erosion concerns once the project was funded and approved. Mr. Chamberlain suggested RACE as coastal engineers given their expertise and familiarity with the site. Last week, Mr. Bradley joined a call with Purchasing, RACE, and DPW representatives and explained the need to review coastal flooding issues in context of the project. RACE has prepared a proposal. If approved, RACE will be engaged by Town/DPW and will provide a study of options in two phases.

Mr. Bradley said that he had invited Mr. Michaelangelo to come and speak to the Committee on this issue. However, Mr. Michaelangelo was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Bradley said that he has no problem working with Flood and Erosion within the confines of the project scope and looks forward to cooperating with Flood and Erosion wherever possible. Mr. Michaelangelo will be invited to attend the meeting in two weeks and the issue will be on the meeting agenda.

8. Old Business

No old business.

9. New Business

There is new sand on the beach at the Penfield site that came from the dredging of Southport Harbor. The beach is reported to be much higher than before.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Jan Reber said that he commended the Committee for being transparent and that the Committee deserves a lot of credit.

Mr. Dick Dmochowski commented on the tree on the berm in front of the Pavilion that the Tree Warden doesn't want to cut down.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Bass moved and Mr. Graceffa seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bradley adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Andrew Graceffa, Secretary

Ellen Marks, Recording Secretary