

MEMO OF MEETING NO. 18
ARCHITECT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT: Chilmark Firehouse and EMS Headquarters
DATE: January 8, 2021
LOCATION: Zoom

ATTENDING: Bill Rossi, Bldg. Committee Chairman
Chuck Hodgkinson, Bldg. Comm. PM
Will Parry, Bldg. Committee
Jim Newman, Bldg. Committee
Chief Ben Retmier, EMS
Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Fire Dept
Skipper Manter, Bldg. Committee
Clark Goff, Architect, Guest
Sergio Modigliani, Architect, Guest
Amanda Sawyer, OPM, CHA Companies
Jerry Thiboutot, K+K Architects
Antonia Kenny, K+K Architects

NOT ATTENDING: Tim Rich, Bldg. Committee

The following is a record of the above referenced meeting:

NEW BUSINESS

- 18.01 The Building Committee reviewed the revised Power Point Presentation by Chuck for the Selectmen's meeting and Public Forums. Jerry T. reviewed the drawing slides with the inclusion of new rendered images of the Fire Station and EMS HQ. Chuck narrated the slides to review the history of the project and current construction cost for both buildings at \$8.6 million, with administrative costs at approx. \$10 million, with asbestos removal, equipment and furnishings, walkway, inflation and additional design team fee at approx. \$11 million (\$11,071,000).
- 18.02 The Building Committee briefly reviewed the estimates for both buildings and bond ratings. Bill R. and Chuck H. discussed whether to go with 20 or 30 year bond, 30 years is more cost overall but the payments are more palatable. Chilmark will probably go with whatever Aquinnah and West Tisbury want. Chuck questioned whether Chilmark would get two separate bonds to break out EMS as needed.
- 18.03 The presentation was approx. 35 minutes. K+K presented a video that was sent with a link to Chuck H. to share, but the Zoom format was not very compatible with the video and resulted in a "choppy" presentation and all agreed will not be presented in the present format.
- 18.04 Feedback from the Committee regarding the slide presentation:
- Bill Rossi – noted that Chuck or K+K should mention that the fire trucks had issues with exiting onto Middle Road.

- Chuck said maybe he would mention that the Tri-Town HQ was located in Chilmark because of its central location between all three towns should that question come up
- Sergio M. noted that these buildings are a significant change to the Town's Center and the scale and massing of the Fire Station has an impact on Town Hall. He suggested more views to show relationship of the buildings. The program for the new buildings is driving the scale, he suggested reducing mass where possible. He thought the entrance to the Fire Station dominated the public access from the parking rather than the entrance to the Town Hall, which is now at the opposite (parking area) side of the building.
- Sergio asked if the public would be allowed to use the meeting room at the EMS HQ or if that was EMS and Fire only. Sergio also asked if there were reports from the Town Boards (Health, Conservation) regarding the Fire Station and whether HC accessibility had been reviewed for the Public Parking on the EMS site.
- Chuck responded to many questions and noted that the Fire Station had been through several designs and had been reviewed with the Town engineer and Boards. He stated that they decided not to begin with actual permitting until the project is approved at Town Meeting. He noted that the concerns about the massing have been near the front of discussions during design.
- Bill R. noted the entrance to the Fire Department is different than that at Town Hall, but thought it brought out the importance of the Fire Station rather than taking away from Town Hall.
- Chuck stated that Chief Bradshaw had been instrumental in reducing the scale of the building by obtaining permission from the State to omit fire suppression as the building is under 5,000 SF and has no bunk rooms.
- Chief Bradshaw said that even in the future bunk rooms would not be needed as Chilmark is a call department, only the EMS require bunk rooms.
- K+K stated that the access to the Public Parking was reviewed with the Town Building Inspector and that accessible spaces are provided at both the Town Hall and EMS HQ, so the overflow parking area is not required to be accessible.

18.05 There was discussion as to when to take comments/questions from the public and it was decided to wait until the entire presentation was completed and take all questions at once. Bill R. noted that their meetings were usually about an hour and that would allow for all questions following the slides.

18.06 Amanda suggested adding a slide with images of Town structures that had been shared with K+K previously to illustrate design elements that had been incorporated in the new Fire Station and EMS HQ. There were comments that there are other plans in process for larger structures at the Yard and other parcels near the intersection so that the center of Chilmark is evolving.

18.07 The Selectmen's Meeting is Jan. 19th at 5 PM. The next Building Committee Meeting is Friday, Jan. 22th at 9:00 a.m. Meeting Minutes for the three previous meetings (15,16 and 17) were unanimously approved.

SUBMITTED BY:

Antonia Kenny

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cc: Chuck Hodgkinson, Bldg. Comm., Amanda Sawyer, CHA, Joe Sullivan, CHA