

Walpole Permanent Building Committee  
Walpole Town Hall – Room 112  
December 1, 2015  
Minutes

PRESENT: Cam Daley, Ted Case, Jack Conroy, Bernie Goba, Jack Fisher, David Wildnauer

ALSO PRESENT: Don Anderson, Chief Bailey, Bryan Jarvis, Tom Gregory

Mr. Conroy convened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Kaestle Boos Interview

Members introduced themselves, including Fire Station Programming and Design Consultant Robert Mitchell. The Randolph, Sharon, Carver, and Chatham stations are currently in construction – all are Kaestle Boos design. The Holden Fire and Police HQ was next presented. This was a project which came in significantly under budget and featured on-site training opportunities with minimal additional costs to the original budget. A preliminary project schedule was presented followed by a discussion about needs assessment and programming for the Walpole Fire Station. Some potential site considerations were addressed. Opportunities for green design and community outreach were also presented. Kaestle Boos is currently seeing construction costs of fire stations of between \$400 and \$450 per square foot.

Schwartz / Silver

Members introduced themselves, including Fire Station Programming and Design Consultant Robert Mitchell. All consultants who would work on the Walpole Fire Station were identified. The Newton Fire Station, which will start construction in the spring of 2016, was highlighted. Also highlighted was the Wellesley Fire Station which emphasized sensitivity to historic character of the town. Robert Mitchell emphasized the focus he would have on the health and safety of firefighters. There was a brief presentation relative to sustainable design and possible utility incentives to be identified in the early stages. A preliminary schedule was next presented. In an-depth analysis of the site was next presented with possible construction concepts, some including a temporary operations center. The Newton facility's construction cost per square foot is currently pegged at \$523 – a high number because it contains substantial technology components.

Fire Station Design Discussion

There was an extended discussion about the merits of each of the firms which presented.

Some committee members raised concerns about police and fire stations being constructed concurrently and what that might mean for a temporary operation center for the fire station.

On a **motion** by Mr. Goba, **second** by Mr. Conroy, the Committee **voted (7-0)** to request the Town Administrator to negotiate with Schwartz Silver first, and if there is no successful negotiation, to negotiate with Dore & Whittier.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Gregory  
Assistant Town Administrator