

Firehouse Renovation Building Committee, Town of East Haddam

Town of East Haddam  
Firehouse Renovation Building Committee  
September 6, 2017  
Adopted September 20, 2017

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Firehouse Renovation Building Committee was held on Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Company #2 Firehouse.

**2. Attendance**

Meeting Attendance: Brian Auld, Kevin Cavallo, Shawn Daigle, Ed Smith, Bruce Dutch, Jennifer Spencer, George Fellner, Ron Turner (Facilities Director), Cindy Varricchio (Finance Director) and Ruth Ziobron (Recording Secretary).

Absent Members: Michael Davis, Dean Anderson, and Raymond Swol.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting dated August 16, 2017.**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Cavallo to approve the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.**

**Favor: Auld, Cavallo, Daigle, Smith**

**Oppose: None**

**Abstain: Dutch, Spencer**

**Motion passed.**

**4. New Business**

**A. Moodus Firehouse #2 project**

Committee members reviewed Architectural Drawings. The Building Inspector, Chatham Health and the Land Use Office are reviewing them. These drawings are filed at the Selectman's Office.

The contractor confirmed the thermostats were in the best locations on the architectural drawings. Mr. Dutch will provide the contractor with specifications to tie the heating units into one thermostat for project cost savings. Mr. Dutch suggested that the new bay additions be heated to just above freezing. Mr. Dutch stated it would not be necessary to have two propane heaters if it wasn't necessary to maintain a constant 65 to 70 degrees in the new bays. This would be a credit to the project. Mr. Donovan will be asked to provide a quote this value engineering item.

Vehicle parking locations will need to be reviewed to accommodate the location of the vehicle exhaust and heated space.

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It was decided not to repair the exterior building panels.

Mr. Donovan will be asked to provide a project schedule.

**B. Town Street Firehouse #1 project.**

Mr. Fellner reviewed bids for the project by the following contractors:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #1 Lighting	Total	Addendum #1-4	Bid Bond
Diversity Construction Group LLC	\$184,400.00	\$20,000.00	\$204,400.00	Yes	Yes
Sarazin General Contractors Inc	\$205,000.00	\$25,600.00	\$230,600.00	Yes	Yes
R.M. Lagace & Sons, Inc.	\$205,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$232,000.00	Yes	Yes
Total Interiors, LLC	\$210,395.00	\$21,650.00	\$232,045.00	Yes	Yes
Gesco, Inc.	\$264,800.00	\$9,000	\$271,800	Yes	Yes
G. Donovan Associates, Inc	\$305,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$322,000.00	Yes	Yes
Connecticut Carpentry Corporation	\$352,900.00	\$10,600.00	\$363,500.00	Yes	Yes

Diversity Construction Group LLC, Sarzin General Contractors Inc. and R.M. Lagace & Sons, Inc. were the low bidders. R.M. Lagace & Sons is a local bidder however the bid is over 5% from the low bid eliminating local ordinance requirements. The Selectman's office will contact the low bidders to schedule interviews by the committee. There will be a special meeting (date to be determined) to interview the three low bid contractors.

Mr. Fellner contacted Diversity Construction Group's references and reviewed his discussions with the committee. Mr. Fellner offered to contact the other low bidder's references and will report his findings at the next meeting.

Mrs. Varrichio will verify with the Town Attorney if value engineering can be a part of the interview process. She will review if there are any wage and hour issues with the top three bidders.

Mr. Fellner will provide value engineering items and interview questions at the next meeting.

**C. Town official updates**

Mr. Turner reported he was waiting on quotes for the ventilation system.

**D. Bills and Invoices.**

**Motion by Mr. Cavallo, second by Ms. Spencer and unanimously passed to pay the following invoices.**

- Fellner Associates Architects LLC invoice #19655 dated 4/14/2017 in the amount of \$260.00.
- Fellner Associates Architects LLC invoice #19660 dated 4/23/2017 in the amount of \$670.00.
- Fellner Associates Architects LLC invoice #19692 dated 7/10/2017 in the amount of \$650.00.
- Fellner Associates Architects LLC invoice # 19702 dated 7/20/2017 in the amount of \$720.00.
- Fellner Associates Architects LLC invoice #19709 dated 8/6/2017 in the amount of \$300.00.
- Urdike, Kelly & Spellacy invoice #285916 dated July 14, 2017 in the amount of \$301.00.
- Urdike, Kelly & Spellacy invoice #284986 dated June 15, 2017 in the amount of \$258.00.
- Urdike, Kelly & Spellacy invoice # 284371 dated May 15, 2017 in the amount of \$451.50.
- Hartford Courant dated 8/10/2017 in the amount of \$160.26.
- East Haddam News dated 8/10/2017 in the amount of \$127.50.

**5. General Discussion.**-There was none.

**6. Overview of next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2017.**

The next scheduled meeting is September 20, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**7. Audience of Citizens**-No one was present to comment.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion by Mr. Dutch at 7:59 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Shawn Daigle  
Secretary