

Minutes - DRAFT

Public Body: Planning & Construction
Date: September 12, 2023
Location: Hybrid (Zoom and City Hall Meeting Room)

Members Present:

Jean Wall (Chair)
Mike Pratt
Nancy Hazard
Amy Proetti

Members Absent:

Emily Eash

Guests:

Bob Williford
Marlo Warner
Joe Pugliese

Staff Liaison:

Caitlin von Schmidt

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Carole has let us know she'll find out who Northampton is using for their storage assessment (they are currently working on it). Green River School should be part of the assessment, and it should include options for paper storage.

Nancy reports the FRCOG is working on some kind of plan for the city, including a fleet assessment.

Marlo reports the Commonwealth is doing state-wide fleet assessments.

Joe introduces himself and tells about his background. He reports that overall city buildings are doing fairly well for their ages. City Hall is due to have repointing work.

Amy reports that getting a report done by NESDEC was a LOT of work on the city side.

DPW is currently looking for an HVAC person. Joe hasn't had a chance to really assess current status of buildings. Riddell is the really big problem. Marlo says they're working on getting stuff out of the building. Jean asks if the building can be used for storage; Marlo says it would be too expensive. He also points out that the culvert is there as well.

The kind of space the city needs the most is office space and storage (paper and equipment).

The new Fire Station might open in February? Joe says all the piping and electrical at the temporary site is owned by the city. There's water and sewer under the temporary station. Amy doesn't think the school offices would move there, it's not central enough.

The issue of how to use Green River School is still open due to the loan money. Amy reports the schools have contacted the School Building Authority regarding usages. The NESDEC report says we'll never

need it as a school, and it would take millions to get it up and running. Joe asks if GRF school could house students while other school buildings are being worked on; answer is no. Amy and Jean would both like to see one central elementary school.

Question: could this committee identify a scope of work for RFP for an engineering firm? Perhaps can be discussed at next meeting. Capital improvement budgets are due October 27.

Amy makes a motion to adjourn; Mike seconds.

Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.