

Animal Shelter Building Committee
Meeting
June 20, 2012

The meeting of the Animal Shelter Building Committee was called to order by Chairman Gerry Craig at 7:10p.m. in Room 104 of Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484 on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Gerry Craig, Steven Martino, AJ Grasso, Roberta Reynolds, and Linda Hooper. Tony Minopoli and Irene McCoy were absent. Leah Salamone from *The Shelton Patch* also attended.

Pledge of Allegiance
Recited

1. Public Participation
None

2. Approval of Minutes
AJ Grasso made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting. Linda Hooper seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Communications
None

4. Old Business
None

5. New Business
A. Bills Rendered
None

B. Report from Bismark Construction

Greg Raucci of Bismark Construction passed out the plans of the new animal shelter to the committee members. He also explained that he is compiling a booklet comprised of the history of the project, along with articles from *The Shelton Patch*. The plans and the booklet will be presented to the Board of Aldermen for their review. Greg stated that he feels when the BOA sees the plans they will realize the value and know that the 1.4 million is an excellent price. Linda suggested that this be given to the BOA in advance of the next meeting so they will have time to read both handouts. She said that the procedure is to give it to Theresa Adcock, the clerk of the BOA. Gerry stated that when he receives everything from Greg, he will personally bring it to Theresa and confirm that the committee is on the agenda of the July 12th BOA meeting.

Greg explained that Paul Di Mauro has pushed the building back as far as possible to be less obtrusive. Linda asked about the status of the Pink Elephant Building. Greg said it is staying.

A discussion took place on the plans. Bert asked about entry from the garage. Greg clarified her concern. Gerry explained that the windows will be larger than shown in the plans and that the entrance to the kennels is down the middle. Bert also asked about the laundry. Greg explained that it will be in the grooming room. He also

stated that there will be no crematorium. Cremation will be done off site. It is not a requirement of the state to be on site.

C. Report from Building Subcommittee

Gerry again discussed the visit to Stratford's shelter and how impressive the cleanliness was. AJ agreed. Steve talked of the comparison with other local towns who have recently built shelters, such as Newtown. He feels we are getting a much better deal.

A discussion took place on how to educate the voting public on the need for a new animal shelter since it will go to referendum in November. He asked Bert to elaborate on what her husband has done in the past pertaining to this. She said a mailing is needed and she definitely recommends a large post card format rather than a letter. The issue of funding the cost was discussed. It was thought that possibly it could come from the seed money. Another option is to research the legality of having the Friends of the Shelton Animal Shelter fund it. The issue being that they are a 501C3.

Gerry reiterated that the next step is for Greg to get the materials to him and he will bring them to Theresa Adcock in the BOA office and confirm the agenda. All members were encouraged to attend the July 12th BOA meeting. Greg said that he will be there along with an associate who will give a power point presentation. Gerry asked if there were any questions. The issue of the neighbors' concerns was brought up and Gerry said that their concerns were certainly taken into account and every effort was made to help alleviate the situation. He said he thinks and hopes they will be ok with the current plans.

6. Adjournment

AJ Grasso made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Martino seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p .m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail S. Craig

Clerk

Minutes done from notes and audio tape. Tape will be submitted to City/Town Clerk.