

Animal Shelter Building Committee
Meeting
November 10, 2011

The meeting of the Animal Shelter Building Committee was called to order by Chairman Gerry Craig at 7:00p.m. in Room 305 of Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484 on Thursday, November 10, 2011. The following members were in attendance: Gerry Craig, Irene McCoy, AJ Grasso, Steven Martino, and Tony Minopoli. Linda Hooper and Roberta Reynolds were absent. Sheryl Taylor also attended.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes

*AJ Grasso made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2011 special meeting.
Irene McCoy seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

4. Approval of Minutes

*Steve Martino made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2011 special meeting.
AJ Grasso seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

5. Communications

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Bills Rendered
None

B. Discussion of Status of RFP's

C. Report from Building Subcommittee

Gerry reported on the meeting that the building subcommittee had with the Mayor. In attendance were the Mayor, John Anglace, Paul DiMauro, Gerry, Steve and AJ. The meeting took place in the mayor's office the day before the committee was scheduled to be on the BOA's agenda. Gerry said the Mayor expressed a desire to negotiate the RFP with Bismark Construction Company, the contractor selected by the committee. Because he feels the price is high. AJ pointed out that Newtown is building a shelter 1/3 smaller for the same price. The committee feels that Bismark's price is actually very good. The Mayor also wants to change the site back to the property next to the Pink Elephant. Gerry said this is the site we were originally given before the bus drivers took it over. Gerry was perplexed because the BOA voted unanimously on June 10th 2010 to deeming the Pink Elephant property for the new shelter. Irene questioned the legality of moving

the site. All the committee members expressed their frustration with the process. Steve reported that he spoke with Richard Jagoe from THP. He also called Bismark to discuss negotiating with the Mayor. Paul DiMauro said that he would have the expense of moving the contents of the Pink Elephant. Steve and AJ both reported that it would actually be less expensive to use the adjacent property because it would save approximately \$250,000 in demolition and fill costs. Gerry asked if the State were to close the shelter, does the Mayor have the authority to kill the dogs.

AJ suggested scheduling a meeting with the Mayor and Bismark.

Tony Minopoli made a motion that the committee attempt to set up a meeting with the Mayor, the subcommittee, and Bismark to try to move the project forward. If the meeting is pushed ahead more than 30 days, the committee will appear before the BOA to inform them that we have the builder and the site with no ability to move forward and that the committee is looking for leadership. Irene McCoy seconded it. All were in favor.

AJ will contact the Mayor. Steve will contact Bismark.

D. Meeting Dates 2012

The animal shelter building committee will meet on the third Wed of the month on the following dates in 2012 at Shelton City Hall in Room 104 at 7pm.

Jan 18

Feb 15

Mar 21

Apr 18

May 16

Jun 20

July 18

Aug 15

Sept 19

Oct 17

Nov 21

Dec 19

AJ Grasso made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2012 and Steve Martino seconded it. All were in favor.

8. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail S. Craig
Clerk

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

