

Animal Shelter Building Committee
Meeting
March 21, 2012

The meeting of the Animal Shelter Building Committee was called to order by Chairman Gerry Craig at 7:00p.m. in Room 104 of Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484 on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. The following members were in attendance: Gerry Craig, Irene McCoy, AJ Grasso, Steven Martino, Roberta Reynolds, Linda Hooper and Tony Minopoli. Sheryl Taylor was also in attended.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Steve Martino made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting. Irene McCoy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Communications

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Bills Rendered

1. Nowakowski, O’Bymachow, Kane, & Assoc.

Linda Hooper made a motion to add to the agenda the bill received from NOK in the amount of \$2500 for updated topography survey and preparation of feasibility layout. Tony Minopoli seconded it. All were in favor.

AJ explained the services provided by NOK.

Tony Minopoli made a motion to pay NOK’s bill in the amount of \$2500. AJ seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. Report from Building Subcommittee

Gerry reported on the work done by the subcommittee since the last meeting. He said the site has been adjusted once again by the City. The site is basically in the same location but moved back from the road. He said this has actually worked out to be a good thing because the City has agreed to pay for the site work and the labor to construct the wall, but not the material for the wall. The City has also agreed to bring in all the utilities from the road to the building. Tony asked if the committee needed to go to the BOA in stages for approval. Gerry said he felt it was better to go before the BOA with a complete package.

Gerry talked about the subcommittee’s visit to the Stratford Animal Shelter and the findings. He talked about the block construction, the runs, the exercise areas in lieu of outdoor runs and the very efficient cleaning system, and their volunteer program. The subcommittee members all agreed that they were very impressed with what they saw.

C. Report from Bismark Construction

Gregg Raucci and his son Greg represented Bismark. They passed out a design with the latest thoughts on a layout taking into consideration the findings from Stratford. They also had a slide presentation. He showed a design with 30 runs and 4 quarantine runs. He talked about metal vs. block construction and also the large windows to let in natural light to combat kennel rage. Tony asked about the cost of block vs. metal. Greg said he is researching the pricing. Greg talked about the cleaning system and how it cuts down on disease. He discussed the exercise area and how 1/3 of it would be covered with a canopy. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of outside runs vs. no outside runs. Greg is checking on a definitive answer on the state regulation regarding outdoor runs and the ambient heat factor. He has a copy of the state regulations which he said are very extensive. He also has a call into the Dept. of Agriculture to speak with them about the issue. Linda felt that all the members who have not visited Stratford should go there to see the facility first hand. Everyone agreed.

AJ Grasso made a motion to move forward with pricing the layout as presented knowing that the concrete walls can be removed to allow for outdoor runs. Tony Minopoli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Gerry recapped the meeting and encouraged the visit to the Stratford Animal Shelter.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.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.