PUBLIC SITE & BUILDING COMMISSION

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Public Informational Meeting Report

Wednesday, October 15, 2014
7:00 pm
Bethel High School - Auditorium

Presenters: First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Public Site and Building Commission Chair Jon Menti, Brian Humes of Jacunski & Humes, Charles C. Van Zanten of Hawley Construction Corporation, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski, Chief of Police Jeffrey Finch, Bethel Police Captain David Bruckenthal and Police Commission Chair Michael Duff

Presentation: First Selectman Knickerbocker provided an introduction of the presenters for the public information meeting.

Public Site and Building Commission Chair Menti started the slide presentation and updated the public on the timeline of the project from 2002 to the present. He, also, informed the attendees on the responsibilities and duties performed by the Public Site and Building Commissions since charged with the project.

Captain Bruckenthal discussed the current building conditions and the issues that are present on a daily basis in the flow and function of the building. There currently are issues with record storage, interview rooms, prisoner processing areas, the town wide 911 computer service room, physical fitness room, training/roll call room, locker rooms and the evidence processing room, to name a few. He encouraged the attendees to take a tour of the current facility and distributed a tour schedule at the end of the meeting to all attendees. (See attached.)

Brian Humes spoke about his police facility design experience. He reviewed renderings of the facility from multiple angles and the buildings floor layouts. He presented a Police Facility Comparison slide showing how the proposed Bethel facility compares to others in Connecticut.

Comptroller Kozlowski reviewed two slides on the Town's debt service.

Public Comments and Questions:

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- A resident spoke on concerns with using that site if in future another school is needed, traffic concerns and sustainable design. Larry Crayhas, Board of Education Board Member, addressed and reported a stable school population predicted for future and at this time no additional school planned. Also, expansion possibilities in other schools are possible, if needed.

- A resident expressed the need for a new station.
- A resident asked if the cupola in renderings was architectural or had a purpose. Brian Humes addressed and said its both.
- A resident was concerned about the impact on the building site on her property as she is the owner of the home on the corner of Judd and Milwaukee. Brian Humes addressed indicating he designed the project with her property in mind.
- A resident suggested Parloa and Meckauer Park as alternate sites.
- A resident was worried about resale value of her home on Judd Avenue.
- A resident was concerned about the location of the driveway in relation to his home on Judd Avenue.
- A resident asked what will happen to the existing building. First Selectman Knickerbocker addressed and spoke of forming an ad-hoc committee to determine future use.
- A resident praised the location of the site as being central to the town.
- A resident praised the location of the site as being appropriate for safety and security reasons.

Adjournment: In general, the project was well received by the attendees at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary

BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

JEFFREY W. FINCH ♦ CHIEF OF POLICE

October 15, 2014

Dear Bethel Residents:

The Police Department in furtherance of the new building proposal will be holding several open-houses so that residents may tour/inspect the present Police building at 49 Plumtrees Rd. Police Officers volunteering their time will conduct the tour and answer questions. If a "picture is worth a thousand words", an on-site inspection is worth 10,000. Let us show you the building, its condition & deficiencies, up close in person.

The dates and times

Saturday:	October 18th, 10am - 2pm
Thursday:	October 23rd, 5pm - 7pm
Thursday:	November 6th, 5pm - 7pm
Saturday:	November 15th, 10am – 2pm
Thursday:	November 20th, 5pm – 7pm
Saturday:	November 29th, 10am - 2pm
Wednesday:	December 3rd, - 6pm - 8pm

Also, feel free to call with any questions you may have. Ask for the Chief, the Captain, or a Lieutenant. If they are not available please leave a call-back number and your call will be returned.

Yours truly,

Jeffrey W Finch
Chief of Police

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