

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST. – CHESHIRE, CT 06410
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 18, 2012 – Room 207

Members Present: Mr. John Purtill (Chairman)
Mr. Joe Barba
Mr. James Brennan
Mr. Art Crooker
Mr. Keith Goldberg
Mr. Mark Nash

Members Absent: Mr. Vincent Robitaille
Mr. Ed Hill

Others Present: Mr. Greg Longo, BL Companies
Mr. Sal Fazzino, BL Companies

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum determined. The assembled group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Purtill explained to the audience how to exit the chamber in the event of an emergency, in compliance with the Fire Marshal's order.

POOL DEHUMIDIFICATION

BL companies had previously sent design documents and construction bid documents to Commission members for review.

Mr. Fazzino passed out a full-scale handout of the construction design for dehumidification of the town pool dome. The design uses an outside air unit which would be separate from the Arizon air handling unit. The unit will provide 8000 cfm of outside air that would be pumped in through the inside of the bubble and distributed throughout the length of the bubble via a duct sock. 8000 cfm of air would then be exhausted through an energy wheel. The cost is estimated to be \$160K and the solution would work from mid to late October through early April, based on weather data over the last 20 years or so.

Commission members and BL representatives raised various questions about construction details including: protection of the on-deck inlet/outlet ports, location for natural gas tie-ins, removal of condensate water from the moist air outlet duct, connection of sensors to the facility management console, fabric used in constructing the air inlet duct. Mr. Fazzino agreed to make design changes as needed.

Mr. Fazzino asked about the optimum location of the unit in relation to the existing air handling equipment. Commission members agreed this should be coordinated with Mr. Sheila Adams and her installer. Mr. Fazzino agreed to contact her before completing the design.

Commission members questioned the time schedule for key procedural steps to complete the project. To maximize the number of qualified bidders, Mr. Fazzino will notify likely bidders the project is coming out and will ask Mr. Lew Cohen to do likewise. The winning contractor will be required to complete the project within 90 days of the notice to proceed. The contractor may freely work within and outside the dome provided the work does not substantially disrupt

operations, and will be allowed up to three days, coordinated with management, during which the dome can be unoccupied, such as installing the overhead air sock.

Members questioned if prevailing wages applied to this project. BL representatives said this is required for over \$400,000 for new construction and \$100,000 for remodeling. They will handle this accordingly in bid documents.

Motion by Mr. Nash to request a bid waiver from the Town Council to purchase the specified hardware from the local vendor. Mr. Longo will provide the price to include in the request to the Council. Seconded by Mr. Brennan.

Discussion: This installation has been designed for a specific piece of equipment that has been studied extensively by BL and the Pool Dehumidification Building Committee. Both are convinced that a substitute cannot serve in this application as the design parameters for relative humidity and energy consumption are tight. Moreover, the proposed vendor has experience in this type of installation and can be relied upon to back the unit. The Commission does not want to chance a contractor providing a substitute.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Mr. Nash to submit the construction portion of the project to the Town Council for approval for competitive bidding. Seconded by Mr. Goldberg.

Discussion: Including minor changes to be made as a result of this meeting, the BL design fulfills the schematic design previously approved by this Commission and the Town Council.

Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS – there was no new business

Motion made by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Crooker and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted:

John S. Purtill, Jr.
Chairman