

Somersville Mill Strategic Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2017

Selectmen's Board Room

- Members Present:** Tim Potrikus, Chairman Brad Pellissier, Eric Ness, Tim Keeney, Ralph Williams, Bud Knorr, Kathy Devlin, Jeff Bord, and Courtney Hendricson
- Call to Order:** 6:04 P.M.
- Old Business:** Appointment for Committee Secretary: Motion: Tim Keeney.
Second: Ralph Williams: "To appoint Kathy Devlin as secretary".
Unanimously approved.
- Report on the Bid Process:** The lowest bidder was Costello Dismantling at a bid price of \$2.45 million. G.E.I. had worked with this group on a previous project. The group was pre-qualified by the State of Connecticut, and are currently finishing up a demolition project of a Mill in New Milford, CT. They would be ready to begin the project in the middle to the end of July with shovel in the ground by July 31, 2017.

Costello estimates that the building down and removed in six weeks then the work would begin on wall construction. Lump sums were more prevalent in the bid process, not many unit cost items were apparent. Since the project will cost more than the original \$1.8 million provided by the grant, Jeff Bord outlined the dollars in the comprehensive budget for the mill work as well as the bridge, making some accommodations for switching funds from grants planned for the two projects. Some change in the grade of the property could save money.

Courtney Hendricson reported on her conversations with DECD. At the current time, there is no money in the State budget and has recommended that the work stop at a logical point where all is demolished. Then come back with a developer in hand with a development ready site. Courtney will research the possibility of working on grants with the Metro Hartford Brownfields sub grants as well.

Committee Recommendation: Motion: Tim Keeney. Second: Ralph Williams
“Recommend to the Board of Selectmen to accept the bid from Costello Dismantling.”
Discussion: Brad Pellissier asked about assurances for completion of the demolition. Jeff Bord shared that the contractor had liability insurance and a performance bond.
Approved unanimously.

Meeting Dates: Motion: Tim Potrikus. Second: Tim Keeney. “To cancel meetings scheduled for June 26th and July 10th. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: **July 24, 2017**

New Business: Discussion on the charge of the Strategic Mill Committee
Included that dissemination of information to the public was part of the charge so their mission may not be done. At some point soon the work will be shifted to Planning and Zoning. Courtney Hendricson explained she would welcome the committee involvement in the marketing and meeting with developers. This will involve the Town Commissions as well as explained by Chairman Brad Pellissier

Permits received this week included Army Corp of Engineers, DEEP Flood Management, Certificate from the Historic Preservation (SHIPO), and Wetlands. The Army Corp will have work going from August through September.

Review of Minutes: Minutes from May 24th will be delayed until next meeting.

Adjournment: 6:40 P.M. Motion: Eric Ness. Second: Tim Potrikus. Unanimously Approved.

Submitted: Kathleen A. Devlin