

**Joint Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board,  
Village Trustees, and Library Commissioners  
November 7, 2012  
Main Street Fire Station  
Architectural Firm Interviews Round #2**

Present: J. Grenier, Chair; R. Ellis, C. Nordle, and K. Miller, Select Board; L. Sayah and N. Howell-Sherman, Trustees; H. Grenier, Chair, M. Luce, A. Durkin, F. Chaffee and M. Rivera, Library Commissioners; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; S. Lotspeich, Municipal Planner; E. Loomis, VISTA Member; and M. Kasamatsu, WP Library Director.

The meeting of all Boards was called to order at 6:02 pm.

**Interview #1: Black River Design Architects (BRD)**

***Presenters: Jay Ancel, Partner in Charge, Jim Drummond, and Jim Duprey***

*Opening Remarks:* BRD sees itself as partners with Waterbury in developing the proposal for a bond vote. There are three main criteria to satisfy in this process:

- 1) Must demonstrate that there is a need/problem to address;
- 2) Must demonstrate that we have collectively examined reasonable alternatives (includes highly interactive discussion between architects and municipality in reviewing all options); and
- 3) Must demonstrate to the public that the proposal is not grandiose. At the same time, must offer a plan that excites public interest. The overall process must represent open decision-making.

BRD commented on the challenge inherent in locating the facility on the State Complex campus. Waterbury must create a “campus within a campus.” It needs to have a clear identity within the larger campus, and needs to feel like a piece of greater Waterbury.

H. Grenier had compiled a list of questions from Board members prior to the meeting. Board members asked several questions of the Presenters in the areas of strategic energy planning, additional scope of work, renovation versus building new and flood mitigation, next steps, and a couple of closing questions.

The interview concluded at 7:03 p.m.

**Interview #2: Weimann Lamphere Architects (WLA)**

***Presenters: Bob Yandow, code/permit facilitator and Steve Roy, Vice President***

*Opening Remarks:* WLA is over 40 years old as a company. They pride themselves in form, function, economy, timeliness, and their ability to manage budgets and how a building looks and feels. They have extensive experience with government-type projects,

offices, fire stations, libraries, and schools. WLA also has bond vote experience and is very familiar with this process.

WLA is experienced in helping the client sell the project and providing imagery through the use of formalized flyers, display boards for display, digital renderings that the viewer can “walk through.” WLA also uses a file sharing website and posts meeting minutes, drawings, calendars, and other information on this site. This helps keep people on task and organized, and includes public. They feel that the success of a project is based on communication and working as a team. They stress the need to have good discussions and keep things clear.

WLA also feels strongly about being environmentally responsible and creating sustainable solutions. S. Roy reports that there are ways to integrate renewable energy into any project. They try to stay on cutting edge of what is available, while staying responsible. In keeping with this, WLA has adopted the 2030 Challenge to be carbon neutral by 2030. The firm also uses energy modeling to determine a building’s energy use up front.

During Phase I of the Municipal Civic Complex, they plan to prepare for a certain level of communication, identify what the program is, get exact costs, examine the buildings (including considering raising buildings up). They will consult with a professional building mover and develop different building options.

Bob Yandow has been with the company for about 30 years. Steve Roy would be with the project from start to finish.

Board members asked questions from the list compiled by H. Grenier.

The interview concluded at 8:28 p.m.

A general discussion comparing firms followed.

At 9:06pm J. Grenier made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by H. Grenier and passed unanimously.

More detail on the questions and answer session for each interview is on file at the Municipal Office.

Meeting notes taken by M. Rivera and E. Loomis.

Approved on: Nov. 19, 2012