

Minutes of the February 24, 2016 Police Station Designer Selection Committee

The meeting opened at 2pm.

Present: Town Administrator Harry Terkanian, WPD Chief Ron Fisette, Owner's Project Manager Rick Pomroy, Davis Walters, Hugh L. Guilderson, Sean Donoghue, Jay Horowitz

After interviewing the principals of four architectural firms that responded to the Town's Request for Designer Services, the committee discussed the quality of the applicants' proposals, their responses to questions during the interviews, and the ability of each firm to deliver contract documents in time for the special Town Meeting to be held in the fall of 2016.

The committee's deliberations lasted from 5pm to 7pm. The committee was unanimous that two firms, RGB of Rhode Island, and DiMarinisi and Wolfe/Flansburgh Architects, did not meet the Town's needs. The committee then compared and discussed the qualifications, experience, and responses of the other firms, Kaestle-Boos Associates, which had performed the feasibility study in 2014, and Ammondson Architects, a finalist for the feasibility study in 2014.

Committee members debated the value of choosing the larger or the smaller firm, KBA or AA. Their concerns focused on the ability of a large firm to respond to the concerns of a small town; the ability of a small firm to produce contract documents within a few months; and how the current workloads of the firms might affect their performance.

On a divided vote, the committee chose the smaller firm, Ammondson Architects.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.