

Town of Washington
Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes from 1/8/2015

1. Call meeting to order was at 1600 hrs by John Rader- Chair, at the Washington Island Fire Department.
 - A) Present: John Rader-Chairman, Fire Chief Peter Nehlsen, Police Chief Tyler McGrane, EMS Crew Chief Gary Schultz, Jonathan Mann-Hwy Dept., Ted Jorgenson, Ron Overdahl. Joel Gunnlaugsson – Town Chairman Guests: Paul Swansen
2. Approval of amended minutes from last meeting – Motion by Jonathan Mann, seconded by Ted Jorgenson.
3. Discussion of Keller and Associates needs assessment; Kelly Claflin of Keller came to the island a couple of times to work with department heads on space needs and drawings. Rader asked to review proposed plans that were set out on the tables. Tyler McGrane stated that when Kelly Claflin came to island last they brought up a proposed preliminary budget estimate and plans of the building based on the needs assessment. McGrane informed the committee that Keller padded the estimate high for the reason of unpredicted work. McGrane also stated that this is a basic design that Keller designed to meet our needs. Keller informed department heads if we need to lower the cost for this building we would need to lower square footage. Keller said that the estimate was based off of \$125.00 per square foot and this estimate was if they were estimating the job. Rader asked about using any portion of the current building and Peter Nehlsen mentioned Keller said “attempting to salvage portions of the exiting fire department and existing meeting room provides challenges in layout and energy efficiencies.” Ron Overdahl questioned the overall extra square footage of the fire department apparatus bay, and Peter figured around 8,000 square feet and its currently under 4,000 feet present. Jon Mann stated that Keller did their homework on figuring the proposed price. Ron Overdahl spoke about the how to finance the project and said it will be a hard sell at the proposed estimate. Overdahl also mentioned that this project is priced with the town shop included. Gary Schultz commented that he was under the impression to design an Emergency Services area for the next 50 years and felt that he did his job, and Peter Nehlsen agreed with his fire department needs. Jon Mann’s concern was that we would demo the current building which he stated was still a good shape, just undersized for the three departments. Ted Jorgenson stated that we should take what we have to the Town Board for their approval. John Rader will look into financing this project, too include bonding. Joel Gunnlaugsson discussed the issue with DC EMS funding there portion of building. Ron Overdahl felt the town should also find someone to assess our community needs and see if this building is needed. Joel Gunnlaugsson asked if an operational costs estimate was completed yet, and Rader said he would contact Keller. Joel also mentioned that we should be able to explain space needs to the community.
4. Public comment: Paul Swanson told the committee that they did a great job so far, but wants to find out how it’s going effect his tax bill. He stated that he wasn’t concerned on overall price, but what it was going to cost per \$100,000 of his assessed value of his home.
5. Next meeting: January 26th, 2015 at 10:00AM at Fire House with Keller Inc.
6. Adjournment at 1722 hrs was by Ted Jorgenson and seconded by Jon Mann.