

Chesterfield Public Safety Complex Building Committee

September 13, 2023 Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Win Bancroft, Pete Banister, David Hewes, Larry Holmberg, Gill Smith, Don Willard

Members Absent: Mike Malouin

MVP – Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

Meeting Called to order at 1814 hours

1. Larry Holmberg explained about the MVP Committee and the process with the grants: MVP 2.0 and the MVP Action Grant and the monies associated with each (\$95K and \$76K+/- respectively). He also explained the MVP organizational setup with the Executive Committee (administrative), Steering Committee (operational), the three working groups and the two committees where much of the actual work will be performed.

2. On the building itself, Pete Banister opined that we need to get input from Williamsburg and Westhampton on what went well with their process and what didn't go as planned.

There was a general discussion about the history and work of both the informal and formal building committee.

3. Win Bancroft opined that we need an architect to look at the properties and determine the cost to develop and build a complex for each property. It may help to decide which is the most cost effective develop opportunity. He expressed his opinion that 6 North Rd was better suited for senior housing.
4. Larry and Don Willard expressed similar ideas that the Committee needs to be ready to justify and defend its opinion and ideas. Most of the residents do not know of all the work the group has done over the years including reaching out to landowners and evaluating multiple properties within ½ mile of the center of town.
5. Dave Hewes informed the Committee that there is legislation to create a Public Safety Complex Building Assistance program similar to the school building assistance program and that the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) testified that day using the Chesterfield fire station of an example of a deficient structure and a town having difficulty affording the cost of a multi-million dollar structure.
6. Dave Hewes opined that he doesn't understand how MVP can help the public safety complex building process.

7. The Committee requested from the MVP Executive Committee as to what their expectations for the PSCB Committee were in regards to the MVP process.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1746 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Holmberg

Approved: February 8, 2024