

Meeting Notes

May 17, 2016

Buildings Committee

Attendees: Emily Carrow, Liz Glidden, Jeff Muthersbaugh, Lisa Malloy, Scott Brookes, Patrick Pinnell.

The Committee met at 7pm and discussed all nine proposals. The Committee narrowed the list to six proposals: CME, Fuss and O'Neill, Millone and McBroom, GEI, Tighe and Bond, HRP and GEI.

Discussion of the applications ensued:

Tighe and Bond: There were some concerns that they did not designate an architect in their proposal. Some Committee members found this problematic, while others felt it was justified. They had good 'global' idea of project and how it fit in to the town.

Fuss and O'Neill: The committee liked the emphasis on tourism. It was also noted that their time line was very aggressive, and concerns were expressed that it may be too condensed. The re-use scenarios are excellent. The proposal was sophisticated. Excellent community engagement. They propose to use Bill Croskey who is very well respected.

GEI: Application was very well written and detail oriented. They have very strong brownfield technical expertise. They will provide three scenarios to redevelop the building. They will assist in finding other grants. Public outreach was weaker than other applications, could be discussed further interview process. Project manager lives in town which is an asset.

CME: Proposal is under budget. Referenced Secretary of the Interior Standards. Will provide three scenarios for redevelopment. One of the proposal weaknesses was that they were using an architect for the marketing study. Concerns about project lead who is also the part time planner for Clinton and Essex.

HRP: Great team members including the architect and planner. Experience in Haddam. Has Historian on staff. Will conduct three public meetings. Will help to identify grants for further funding. Firm has emphasis on historic preservation.

Millone and McBroom: Some concerns about the planning capabilities. Technically competent. Application was technical and scientific – lacked historical emphasis. Unclear if the consultant ‘got’ the vision for this project.

The Committee will conduct interviews on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. The four teams to be interviewed will be GEI, Fuss and O’Neill, Tighe and Bond, and HRP.

Jeff has requested that Committee members submit questions to him by Friday in order to prepare a question list for the first interview.

Jeff and Lizz and Liz will meet the Trust at the Scovil Hoe Buildings on Friday May 30th in the morning.