

900 Worcester Street Committee

January 20, 2016

7 pm at the Warren Building

Attending:

Andy Wrobel, William Darcey, Suzy Littlefield, Miguel Lessing, Eric Fichtel, Michael Zehner, Deborah Carpenter, Mike Pakstis, Ria Stolle, David Perry, Ellen Gibbs, Barbara Searle, Jennie Merrill, Ed Lasch, Tim Barrett, Patti Quigley, Barbara McMahon

Minutes of December 17th:

Motion: To approve minutes from December 17, 2015, Miguel Lessing
Second: By Suzy Littlefield
Vote: All in favor

Discussion of Presentations:

The Committee discussed each of the three proposals in light of information received at the oral presentations. Final scores were submitted to Mr. Wrobel in advance of the meeting and he created a summary sheet (attached) for each response.

After much deliberation, the Committee decided that each of the proposals, although promising, had issues and questions that had not been addressed in the proposals in response to the RFP. The Committee decided that a reissue of the RFP with modifications and clarifications issued on a fast track could afford each of the respondents the opportunity to address the Committee's concerns with a revised propose.

Therefore, the Committee voted unanimously on the following:

MOTION: The Committee believes that it is in the town's best interest to reject the three proposals received for 900 Worcester Street and reissue a fast-tracked RFP to clarify unacceptable or other scored criteria.

Motion: by Miguel Lessing
Second: by Suzy Littlefield
Vote: All in favor

The Committee will deliver this recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on Feb 8, 2016, and hopefully will be supported to reissue the RFP by the end of March with a due date of April 30th. This time frame will allow oral presentations in May, with the final scoring and hopefully a successful recommendation to the Board of Selectmen in June. With this timeline complete, the summer and early fall would be available for lease negotiations, zoning modification work, and community review through Town Hall meetings with TMMs and all residents. The plan would be to present this proposal to the expected fall STM.

Meeting ended at 9:45.