

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** March 21, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Firemen's Relief Association Building, Ashfield Rd.

**Members Present:** Ron Sweet, Walter Goodridge, Ken Ouimette, Peter Jeswald, Chris Herrmann

**Others Present:** Véronique Blanchard

Ron called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the bids which had been submitted by 2:00 March 20<sup>th</sup> to the FRCOG. Out of five potential bidders, three submitted bids, one of which was disqualified because there was no DCAMM certification. The disqualified bid came in at over \$200,000 less than the other two, which were \$554,470 and \$566,029 from Diversified Construction Services, LLC and Gill Building Corporation respectively. (bid tabulation attached)

One of the other potential bidders also had a lapsed DCAMM certification and therefore did not bid.

During the discussion, Ron let us know that he was needing to step away from the extra highway department work. Ken moved and Peter seconded the following recommendation for the selectboard:

“Our highway superintendent, who was going to perform the excavation work for the public safety building is no longer able to commit to the work at this time, due to unresolved issues with the selectboard. Therefore, the Public Buildings Committee feels it has no option but to reject all bids, as this uncertainty has the potential to change the scope of work.”

The vote was 4 in favor with Ron abstaining.

The committee then discussed the potential for a Massachusetts Office of Disability (MOD) grant to obtain the lift for town hall.

Ken moved and Chris seconded a motion to move forward on the grant and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Ken moved and Chris seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02; the vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Véronique Blanchard