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MINUTES OF EIGHTH MEETING OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND READINESS CENTER COMMITTEE September 15, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. at the York County Government Building

1. Admin.

a. Attendance rosters- Present at meeting: Commissioner Richard Dutremble, County Manager Greg Zinser, Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, Major Nathan Thayer, Chief Fire & EMS Administrator Rod Hooper and Fire Chief Matt DuRoss and Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont.
Excused: Commissioner Donna Ring, EMA Director Art Cleaves, Eric Wellman, EMS Dept. Head YCCC, Cait Grant, Workforce Development YCCC, Adam Hartwig, ME CDC Liaison, Acton Fire Chief Rick Smith, Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss, EMS Chief David Hamel and Buxton Police Chief Troy Cline.

b. Approve minutes from 7/15/22 meeting

Chief DuRoss approved the minutes. Chief Deputy Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed with County Manager Zinser abstaining.

2. Architect/Engineers

a. Cost estimates, if available-County Manager Zinser explained the costs are coming in for the training center at around \$14 million. The Recovery Center costs are estimated currently at \$16.5 million. The County Manager has told the architect that these costs are too high for the recovery center so 5,000 square feet have been cut out of the original plan bringing the approximate costs down to \$14 million. There is about \$6 million in site costs. This totals \$38 million and there is only \$33 million set aside, explained county Manager Zinser.

County Manager Zinser continued that his recommendation to the Board will be to forge ahead. The Board did approve the construction management RFP that has been getting lots of hits.

The County Manager stated that he will ask the Board in late October or early November to get the projects into the bidding phase and see where we come out. County Manager Zinser reminded all that each project has \$2 million built into it.

The County Manager further informed the Committee that we will be talking to the Commissioners about reallocating the \$2.5 million put aside for jail septic as we now will not be touching the jail septic. It is looking like there will be on-site sewer for both buildings. This would free up some ARPA money. Major Thayer asked if this meant that public sewer was "off the table"? County Manager Zinser replied he hoped so as the cost is about \$4.5 million just to get the line to Layman Way and then there would be

engineering costs to the buildings. Also, he continued, DOT is planning some work on the road so that would impact when the road could be “opened up”. We are leaning towards a more on-site septic system with an advanced filtration.

Chief DuRoss asked about the training tower. County Manager Zinser responded that is a high priority and a separate project. Cuts may have to be made elsewhere but the tower is a priority.

b. Permit process- County Manager Zinser stated that he had spoken to Carla, the Administrator for Alfred who informed her that the Selectboard meets every Tuesday at 4:00. They agreed that perhaps a 3:00 workshop would work best to meet with their Board and explain the proposed projects to them.

3. **CDS Request Status**

a. EMS Simulators request will be part of the FY '24 Federal Appropriations bill-

b. August meeting with representatives from Senator Collins- Chief Hooper informed all that Alex from Senator Collins' office recently met with he and the County Manager and did bring some Washington staffers with her. The request has gone all the way to Congress where it will get voted on.

4. Alford Foundation Application.

a. Target date to submit: October 1, 2022- Chief Hooper explained that the Board meets in October and it typically takes 60 to 100 days for the Board to make decisions on who gets grants.

5. Assistance to Firefighters Grant

a. Regional application for training equipment- Chief Hooper stated that they need to get the chiefs together to submit a regional grant for other equipment items that are needed.

6. Training Tower Vendors

a. Lion: Tentative September 29th, Oct 4th. Chief Hooper explained that he is hoping to get their corporate people here and is waiting for a response from Lion (Fire Tech & Safety).

b. Other Items- County Manager Zinser stated that he and Chief Hooper have been working on a budget but that it will be dependent on lots of different factors. He added that we need to start the process of obtaining sponsors and suggested getting a form letter together to ask for sponsorships.

Chief Hooper reminded all that he is working on a separate organization (separate entity from the county) that will allow tax deductible contributions and sponsorships. He and Chief Smith and Chief Cline are the incorporators.

There was a brief discussion on having conversations with school systems.

7. Recent Field Trips

a. NH Primex. July 26- Concord NH
Chief Forbes, Chief Hooper, Facilities Manager DeRochemont, Commissioner Ring
MILO simulators at Primex. Scenarios and driving.

b. Guilford, CT FD. August 16th
Chief Forbes, Chief Hooper, Chief Duross, County Fire Instructors Ray Legendre, Harold Smith.
Draeger training facility.

8. Next meeting date- It was decided to meet again on November 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.