



**Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM, Carver Town Hall, Room 4.**

The proceeding will be videotaped and rebroadcast by Area 58 TV.

Attendees: Sharon Clarke, Chairman; Savery Moore, Vice Chairman; Patrick Meagher, Member; Paul Kostas, Member

Also in attendance:

Absent: Johanna Leighton, Acting Treasurer

Meeting opened by Ms. Clarke at 6:31 PM

Ms. Clarke – We are here to discuss the two proposals we have for a consultant to help us through the North Carver Project.

**Consulting Proposals:**

- Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. –

Ms. Clarke – Stantec is a large national company. Their bottom line cost is \$85,656.00 to take us to about April/May (Town Meeting). Mr. Meagher – They have a deep staff and have done very big projects. They do lack the local knowledge. Ms. Clarke – I thought there was some overlap, like the traffic study, that we could back out. My big concern is how big they are. Mr. Moore – My impression was that they are a well-oiled machine. Their proposal really nailed the scope of the project. However, they lack the knowledge of Carver. Companies that are not based locally are not really understanding how we act and what we are looking for. They seem very eager to do this. The price includes a number of people but maybe not enough lower level direct contact people. Mr. Kostas – That is my number one concern. We are already dealing with a big company; we need to work with someone that has a better knowledge of small town. Two big companies will not be well received. Ms. Clarke – That is a good point. I did like their proposal but I didn't get a comfortable feeling. With a number of different people working on this, it may be difficult to keep track.

- Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation (“The Foundation”) –

Ms. Clarke – Stephen Cole spoke at our last meeting which is available on Area 58. He was the Town Planner for a couple of years. He would be the point/contact person for the project and has a vast knowledge of the Town and the people in it. His breakdown came in \$40,500. The Foundation has a regional impact and it may bring in influences beyond our borders. Mr. Kostas – I believe Christine Joy (Plympton), may be more comfortable with the local / regional as opposed to the big company. Mr. Meagher – These are all good points. Stantec business model requires a “specialist” to deal with many projects. What gets lost is the personal touch / relationship with the local and regional area that I think that The Foundation can provide. I was impressed with Stephen Cole, his approach and knowledge. Ms. Clarke – I like his accessibility and I am confident that any of us would be comfortable with reaching out. Mr. Moore – People will be more comfortable with Stephen. The 6 people from Stantec may not necessarily be assigned to just us and not be as accessible. Stephen was very well liked when he worked here and was able to get a lot of articles through at Town Meetings. I think Stephen is a great choice and I agree that Plympton would also feel better about this. As the director of this foundation, he may be aware of other things going on in the region.

*Motion to accept the proposal from the Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation: Mr. Kostas*

*Second: Mr. Moore*

Discussion:

*Ms. Clarke – We have a letter from Johanna Leighton as she is not able to be here tonight. The letter was read into record. Johanna expressed her vote in proxy for The Foundation.*

*Approved: Unanimous (4-0)*

**Next Meeting:**

Our next scheduled meeting is on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Room – 4

**Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourned at 6:49 PM: Mr. Moore*

*Second: Mr. Kostas*

*Approved: Unanimous (4-0)*

Exhibits:

Letter from Johanna Leighton