

Approved 11/2/22
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Howes House Building Committee
October 26, 2022

Present: Skipper Manter, Kathy Logue, Jim Klingensmith; Bethany Hammond; Bernadette Lyons; Susan Murphy, Mike Josefek, Donald Velozo, Susan Silk, John Keenan, Antonia Kenny, Jerry Thiboutot, Joel Bargmann

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

Minutes of 10/14/22: *K Logue motioned to approve the minutes of 10/14/22. B. Lyons seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Discussion of 11/2/22 Meeting to Present Focus Group Results: The Committee discussed the request from Susan Silk to hold the meeting as a hybrid so that everyone that wishes to attend can do so. Jen said that the only room that had a hybrid system, to her knowledge, in town as the town hall meeting room. Which is quite small. She also expressed concern that the system has not been well tested and this was an important meeting. After further discussion the meeting will be held on zoom and notices will be sent to the town libraries, the Friends of the COA, the focus group participants and posted on facebook.

Architect Interviews:

Keenan & Kenny Architects: John Keenan, Antonia Kenny and Jerry Thiboutot attended to discuss their answers to the questions posed ahead of the meeting. Those questions and answers can be found attached to the minutes. Of note John said that while they had created a sketch during the feasibility study they would start fresh if hired, they did not consider the design finished.

Bargmann Hendrie + Archtype: Joel Bargmann represented BH&A in the meeting. His presentation is attached to this document. He said that he would be handling the design, it wasn't a large project and he wanted to keep it simple. He said for an additional cost they could laser measure the building so they could work at a distance without having to be onsite to do detailed measurements of the existing conditions.

The Committee then discussed both firms at length. Skipper said he didn't think K&K put a lot of thought into their presentation but simply answered the questioned they were asked. He noted that BH&A didn't seem to understand that there were plans to use the second floor. Kathy said she thought they were saying it wasn't worth the money to rehab that but rather just use it for mechanicals. She added that she liked the idea of a solar canopy connecting the Library and the

Howes House, but she wasn't sure they really understood the challenges of working on the island. Jim said he agreed with the concerns about island experience. He said he liked that K&K talked about taking pride in their projects. Bethany said she liked the focus on the needs of senior centers put forward by BH&A. they had a lot of good ideas and seemed to truly understand that type of design. Mike said he thought there would be advantages to working with a smaller firm like K&K but whoever was chosen would be fine and he and Donald would work with either one. Mike also said that the next step was to determine who was #1 and who was #2 and then begin negotiations. He said he would send details of the expected cost for the work for the designer.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand