

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Board of Warden & Burgesses & Comfort Station Building Committee**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 4:30pm**  
**Borough Hall**

Members Present:           Jean Fiore -citizen  
                                    Jim Quinn – St. Mary Church  
                                    Janet McClendon – SVIA  
                                    Jeff Callahan – Warden  
                                    Deborah Norman – Business  
                                    Micayla Hall – Library  
Members Absent:           Amy Nicholas – Burgess  
                                    Kevin Rogers - Burgess  
Other Attendees Present:   Julia Leeming – Lead architect  
                                    Lise Freitas – Assistant

Jeff called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes.** Deborah moved to approve the minutes of the October 14 meeting. Jim seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Revised Drawings.**

After the October 16 public meeting, Jeff and Julia met to discuss how to revise the plans to reduce the projected cost of the project. Julia presented the resulting drawings. The revisions are primarily as follows.

1. Elimination of urinals, so that...
2. There can be interior doors to each restroom from the central mechanical/supply room , thereby...
3. Eliminating the need for a back entrance to the supply room, which gives the building a more finished look and will ...
4. Reduce the amount of concrete needed. The concrete pathway from the street will end at the back corners of the building; it will not go all the way around the building, with the elimination of the back door to the supply room. This revision will also enable the green space behind the building to go right up to the building.
5. The bench in from of the building will be free-standing rather than hung from the building. This will reduce the strength of the steel needed for the wall where the bench would have hung.

6. Elimination of one of bottle filler/drinking fountain (original plan had both)

Julia also noted that she had added plantings directly behind the building (since the concrete walkway and back door had been eliminated). She also added a scupper to the green roof. A “scupper” is a copper trough that would run any excess water down to grade, to water the plantings, in the event of a large storm when the rain would not all be absorbed by the green roof.

In addition, Julia noted that none of these proposed revisions had altered the size of the building.

## **Discussion**

Jim wants to retain the urinals. Micayla noted that the SFL bathrooms have never had urinals and it hasn’t been a problem.

Jean saw no reason for additional plantings.

Jim did not see a reason for a landscape architect. Julia said one was necessary to ensure the ground was graded properly and that the new facility is worthy of its place on historic Wadawanuck Square.

The consensus was that a bottle-filler was preferable to a drinking foundation.

## **Next Steps**

Jeff suggested that the committee take a hiatus, possibly for 2-3 months, while the investigation into available funds continues. He has already requested capital improvement funds from the Town. He is also looking into available State grants. The availability of federal grants needs to be investigated. Jeff asked the committee to let him know if anyone becomes aware of any possible grants.

.Jeff also showed 2008 plans for renovation of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Borough Hall, which included a public restroom. The proposed restroom, however, did not make it into the final plans. Jeff was a Burgess in 2008, but he was not on the board when the plans were finalized.

## **Adjournment**

Deborah moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McClendon Vaskas

November 19, 2021