

The Brockton Planning Board held a special meeting on September 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Area, City Hall

Members present: Chair David Wheeler, Ross Messina, Gary Keith, Reggie Thomas and Ollie Spears. Also present were Pamela Gurley Planning Board secretary, Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development and Staff Planner Shane O'Brien.

Mr. Wheeler said that the Board had a few "housekeeping" items to take care of before getting to the purpose of this meeting, the choosing of a peer review firm.

Mr. Wheeler said he would entertain a motion to continue the Site Plan Review public hearing for Brockton Power which was previously continued to today to October 7, 2015.

Motion made by Keith, seconded by Messina and unanimously passed to continue the Site Plan review public hearing for Brockton Power to October 7, 2015.

Ms. Gurley said that the developer for the Claremount Ave. subdivision has asked for his final lot release. He has submitted a check to cover the remaining work which will be held as surety until the work is completed.

Motion made by Spears, seconded by Keith and unanimously passed to release lot B Claremount Ave.

Ms. Gurley said she had been contacted by the closing attorney for 203 Summer St. looking for a release from covenant. She said there is no record on file at the Registry of Deeds and after checking the file she could not find a copy. She said that the work was completed several years ago asked that the Board sign the release tonight to clear this up.

Motion made by Spears, seconded by Messina and unanimously passed to grant a release from Covenant for 203 Summer St.

Mr. Wheeler closed the public portion of the meeting.

Review and select the Peer Review Engineering Firm for the Site Plan Application for Brockton Power Company.

He explained to the members that they two responsive firms were present tonight and that he would like to decide on a reviewing firm tonight. He stated to those present, that although this was a public meeting, it was not a public hearing and there would be no testimony from the public taken.

Mr. Wheeler addressed issue of NAA contract and said that the City Attorney was correct to select a firm as it took the burden off the Board. NAA was familiar with the project as they did prior reviews of this project on behalf of the City. He said NAA has

withdrawn their proposal, and although this process did not require solicitation of quotes and does not need to be done in public because the proposals come in under \$10,000 he said that the Board felt it should be done in public.

A request for quotes was send out and the Board received two responses (BSC Group and Fuss & O'Neill) and one firm declined (CDM Smith).

Tom Laughlin and Dominic Rinaldi were present representing BSC Group.

Mr. Rinaldi said they were a 50 year old multi disciplinary firm specializing in civil engineering, traffic, wetland, etc. and due land development/peer review for municipal boards, transportation/roadway design/transportation design, utilities/ planning and permitting/power lines and gas lines.

He said they are currently performing a peer review for the City of Brockton.

Mr. Spears asked if they had any familiarity with the use of effluent and was told the firm worked on the UMass Amherst central heating plant.

Mr. Wheeler asked if they had experience with power plant projects and was told the UMass heating plant. He asked if they would be looking at the environmental concerns and was told that once they get into the documents they will have a better idea of any potential concerns. Mr. Spears said he would like to make sure that the data from the Gilmore School air quality is reviewed.

No further questions from the Board.

Shawn Martin was present from Fuss & O'Neill

Mr. Martin said their firm is a 90 year multi disciplinary engineering dealing in civil, environmental engineering and urban redevelopment.

When asked about the air quality, he said that the scope of the work was limited and that was not included. He said the scope was not to supplement or second guess any decisions DEP has issued.

The Chair had to repeatedly remind elected representatives not to interrupt the meeting.

Mr. Spears asked Mr. Martin what his experience was dealing with effluent and was told mostly permitting and design of re-treated wastewater.

Mr. May said that this is a contract for technical services and the Board is not bound to take the lowest price; he said they can choose the firm that offers the best value for the work.

Mr. Spears asked what their time frame for completion was and was told two weeks; Time frame; BSC also said they would be able to meet that time frame.

Mr. Messina said this list work for a plastic design company and asked what that was. He was told it was an addition to an existing facility with wetlands and flood plain; design drawings.

Representative from BSC said they are currently working with COB on several projects; the representative from F&O said they do not have current experience working with the COB, but has site plan review experience for various communities.

Mr. Keith asked if either firm had any connections with Brockton Power or Stop the Power and both said they did not.

Mr. Keith made a motion to hire Fuss & O'Neill. He reasoning being although both firms were qualified, the experience of F&O was more appropriate to the project than BSC Group and F&O submitted an additional billing sheet outlining additional charges.

Motion seconded by Mr. Spears

In favor: Wheeler, Spears, Keith, Messina

Opposed: Thomas

Meeting adjourned.