

## **ARTICLE 18: REPORT FROM TCP BUILDING DESIGN COMMITTEE**

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#### **Report**

At the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, the Town approved the expenditure of funds for the design and engineering to consolidate town offices, school uses, and community space at the building and land known as the TC Passios, located at 1079 Massachusetts Avenue.

Subsequent to this vote, the Select Board created a committee to oversee the design and engineering work. This committee is comprised of (1) member of the Select Board, (1) member of the Planning Board, (1) member of the Finance Committee, (1) member of the School Committee, and (3) Community Members at large. The various boards appointed their designated representatives, and the Select Board conducted interviews with and selected the three community members at large.

The Committee was formed and had its first meeting in October of 2019. During the next few months, the Committee worked with the Town Manager to prepare and advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for qualified consulting firms to perform the design services.

The Committee received proposals from design firms and interviewed three (3) design firms at the end of January. The Committee recommended the selection of the DiGiorgio Associates based on their strong municipal experience, proposed project approach and their capabilities as a full-service Engineering and Architectural firm.

During the next month, the Town Manager worked with DiGiorgio to prepare and finalize the contract for services. The Committee held a “kick off” meeting with DiGiorgio on March 11th to begin the design work. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis and closure of town facilities on March 16<sup>th</sup>, work on the project slowed as we all focused on the public health related issues facing the community as a whole.

Presently, DiGiorgio has begun preliminary survey activities as we look to begin the design process in earnest over the next few months.

The Committee looks forward to presenting the proposed plans for the building to the Community once the plans have been advanced to the point where those presentations become possible. The Committee would like to remind the community that all of the meetings are public meetings, and we invite the public participation in this process.