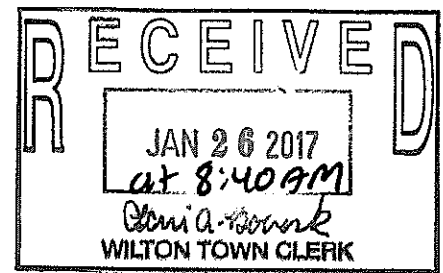
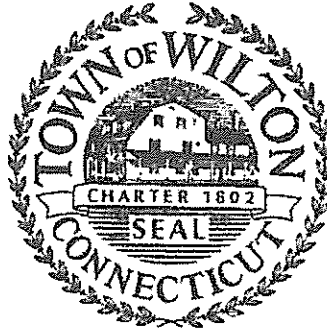


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**FIRE HOUSE #2 BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
11 JANUARY 2017**

**CTO**

Chairman Rich McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Committee Members Kevin Czarnecki, Ron Hitter, Ross Tartell and David Waters. Also in attendance were Chris Burney, Facilities Director of the Town of Wilton; Fire Chief Ronald Kanterman; Aaron Nachbar of J. Findorak & Sons; and several members of the public.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hitter. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public raised questions as to the water and power connections that would be installed to the proposed new well location; the planning process going forward; and the proposal to designate the area including the Fire House #2 property as an historic district. Mr. McCarty responded that due to FOIA requirements the Committee may receive public comment but cannot respond to questions unless the questions are directed to a topic on the published agenda, but that the Committee will seek to address all public questions in an appropriate and timely manner. He noted as a general comment that the Committee had initially identified three fundamental issues that would need to be addressed in order to move forward – the septic system, applicability of seismic codes and access to potable water – and that the first two have been addressed, leaving the potable water issue which is a topic for tonight's meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF PHIL REEVES**

The Commission acknowledged with regret the resignation of Phil Reeves as a member of the Committee, and expressed gratitude for his service. Mr. Burney noted that as a result of Mr. Reeves' resignation the Committee is now constituted as a five-member

committee, and the number of Committee members required for a quorum is therefore now three members.

### **TEST WELL STATUS**

Mr. Nachbar informed the Committee that the test well on the Land Trust property had been drilled and sampled, and that he was very pleased with the results. The yield is good and the quality is excellent for sodium and chlorine, two elements of specific concern in the area. There is typical contamination for radon and uranium; the uranium content can be treated with a simple process and the radon can be addressed with a bubbler. The only issue with uranium is ingestion, so if desired the uranium treatment could be limited to drinking water and not water service to the bay areas for vehicle washing, etc.

Mr. Nachbar will review his 2013 estimate of the cost and scope of activities to create a permanent pump station. The assumption is that a power line would be run parallel to the water line; if possible and acceptable to the Land Trust it would be more efficient to locate some equipment adjacent to the well. It is more cost efficient to run power from the Fire House rather than from the pole at the street, and in the event of a power failure the Fire House generator would be able to provide power. Mr. Burney noted that this information and Mr. Nachbar's updated proposal would be added to the technical specs provided to architectural and engineering consultants. Mr. Waters noted that it is likely that the Land Trust would need to grant an easement to Eversource for electrical access on the Land Trust property, in addition to the easement to the Town.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET**

Mr. Burney provided excerpts of an interview Second Selectman Michael Kaelin had granted, and informed the Committee that he had discussed the article and the budget with First Selectman Lynn Vanderslice. He reported to the Committee that the Board of Selectmen regards this as a \$1 million project, inclusive of design and utilities, and that in today's climate there is little likelihood of increased staffing levels at Fire House #2. Mr. Czarnecki noted that the current day-to-day staffing is two people, but that during storms and similar events there are four persons located at the Fire House. In addition, it is important that Fire Station #2's operation continue in this general location during the construction and there will be costs associated with those temporary operations.

Mr. McCarty noted that with the budget contemplated by the BOS the renovations which were intended to address the next twenty-five years of operations could not be accomplished. He will provide a formal request to Chief Kanterman to review the SOR and to prioritize the desired improvements set forth therein. Chief Kanterman agreed to review the SOR with his staff and to report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Burney noted that the initial focus must be on prioritizing rather than on funding. Once the priorities are set, the Committee can provide that list to the A&E professionals so that they can advise as to what can be accomplished within budget. The Committee

agreed that it would be important that the A&E consultants have an estimator as part of the team with the capability to obtain hard numbers, and that part of the A&E analysis would include the possibility of design for future improvements if additional funding later became available.

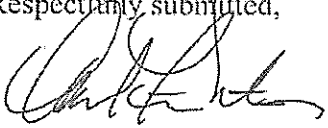
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was a question as to whether grants might be available for a portion of the costs. Mr. Burney will research the possibility of Town personnel with knowledge of such grant availability.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Waters", written over the typed name.

David Waters, Acting Recording Secretary

