Fire House #2 Building Committee



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FIRE HOUSE #2 BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 31 MAY 2016

<u>CTO</u>

Chairman Rich McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Committee Members Kevin Czarnecki, Ron Hitter, Phil Reeves, and Ross Tartell. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Ron Kanterman, and Fire Fighter Dave Chaloux.

MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and adopted unanimously to approve the May 17, 2016 minutes.

DISCUSSION OF MAY 18 EMAIL FROM CHRIS BURNEY

Mr. Burney's email of May 18 clearly outlined the following perspectives:

- 1. The building cannot exceed the current footprint
- 2. The building cannot be expanded vertically because of the seismic structural codes
- 3. A change in the physical structure would not be compliant with "today's septic codes which the documentation provided states that we can't comply with."

REVIEW OF SOR

The committee then discussed the possibility of fully replacing the existing structure with a new structure that might be configured to better meet the needs as outlined in the SOR. The committee reviewed the July 23, 2015 SOR, which was created to work within the existing footprint. The discussion then explored the impact of adding another 1200 square feet of space.

The committee discussion raised the issue that a new building on the same footprint that does not add additional square footage would probably not create an option that would serve the town over the long term. The discussion then added that the addition of a second floor to the back of the building that added 1200 square feet of space would increase the ability of the building sufficiently to meet the requirements as outlined in the SOR, and probably meet the town's needs for at least 25 - 30 years.

The committee discussed the importance of the architectural appointments so that the station will fit into the community.

REPORT FROM CHRIS BURNEY ON HIS FOLLOW UP ACTIONS FROM MAY 15TH MEETING

The following are quotes taken from Chris Burney's May 31 email and reviewed by the committee:

"Water: I have had conversations and emails with two state agencies about bringing water across the street (State Rt 33).

PURA, the agency regulating utility services informed me that they did not have jurisdiction. DOT called me back this morning and basically said "No problem". There is a process that we would have to follow but the way that is was described to me it did not seem to pose any problems. Septic: I do not have anything new to report but I expect a full report that I will be able to present at the next meeting."

Based on this input the committee discussed and agreed that the basic issues needed to be resolved, in the order listed below, before the committee could proceed.

1) Potable water, 2) Workable septic system, 3) Seismic structural code constraints

ACTIONS

The resolution of potable water for the site needs to be addressed. The committee unanimously approved for Chris Burney to contract with Aaron Nachbar to find the existing well at 688 Ridgefield Road

Chris Burney will continue to contact a design professional to determine the capacity of the existing septic to serve additional needs.

Chris Burney will explain the seismic structural codes and what it takes to meet the code requirements.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Committee agreed on the following as future meeting dates:

June 16, 2016 June 28, 2016

All meetings will commence at 7:30, with the location to be determined. Future dates will be determined as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Tartell, Temporary Recording Secretary