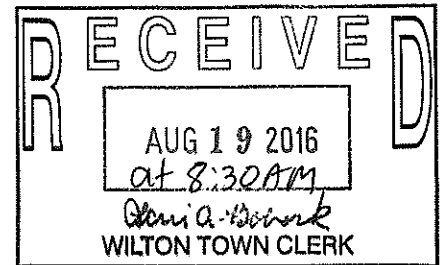


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**FIRE HOUSE #2 BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
2 AUGUST 2016**

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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 Ron Kanterman, Aaron Nachbar and a representative of the Wilton Villager.

MINUTES

Following discussion and amendment, Mr. Tartell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCarty. Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE ON SEPTIC ISSUES

Mr. Burney informed the Committee that he had provided Holt McChord with historic drawings and details of the septic system design as well as a description of the contemplated needs of a renovated facility, including scenarios with 2, 4 or 6 persons at the firehouse. Mr. McChord's initial observations are: (1) expansion of the existing system to accommodate 4 or more persons is not feasible and a new system would be required; (2) the cost of a new system would be approximately \$50,000 - \$70,000 for a completely new system, and possibly \$10,000 - \$20,000 if portions of the existing system can be used; (3) soil testing will be required and with the amount of fill on the site there may be difficulties in providing a new system on the property; and (4) there are otherwise very limited options. Mr. Burney will speak with the Director of Health to get direction on how the Town will assess these issues.

UPDATE ON WATER ISSUES

Mr. Nachbar informed the Committee that he had been trying to locate the wellhead on the property across the street but he had not yet found it. The next step would be to mow the property and then use ground penetrating radar to try to locate the wellhead, but given

the open space conservation use of the property there may be reluctance to allow this activity or it may need to take place when seasonally appropriate. Another alternative might be to drill a new well, which might be easier, less intrusive and less costly. Mr. McCarty will contact representatives of the Wilton Land Trust to discuss these options.

Mr. Nachbar further informed the Committee that he had located the old well on the Vista Road property, but it is in a very inconvenient location and does not provide a viable alternative. Another alternative might be to locate a new well in the parking area near the Morgan Cemetery at 700 Ridgefield Road. Mr. Nachbar had provided prior estimates of approximately \$9,000 for a test well and approximately \$81,000 for a complete well system, and he will review and update these numbers.

REVIEW OF QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. Burney reported on his meeting with the Board of Finance on July 19, 2016. The topics discussed were: (1) Regionalization – was this considered? First Selectman Vanderslice responded that it had been considered but did not appear to be an option for Wilton or the other municipalities. (2) Is Firehouse #2 necessary? Yes, it serves a valuable purpose. (3) Call and response numbers. These were reviewed and the BOS appeared to understand the extent of activity. (4) Are Firehouse #2 renovations necessary? Yes, absolutely. Mr. Burney noted that the BOS appeared to be satisfied with the information and the discussion.

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOR

Mr. McCarty noted that with the passage of time and changes in both municipal personnel and the information available with respect to Firehouse #2, the Committee wanted to be sure that the operative Statement of Requirements is accurate and portrays what the Chief deems necessary and appropriate for the facility. There are minimum staffing requirements and health and fitness requirements for personnel that must be accommodated. Current operations philosophy requires a decontamination room near the exterior of the building so that firefighters do not need to walk through the firehouse to get to a shower. The decontamination room can be limited to a shower, sink and hamper, and will not have an impact on the septic system because all waste water will need to go to a holding tank for removal in case of chemical contaminants.

Mr. Burney asked whether the Committee intended to formally modify the current SOR, and Mr. McCarty indicated that the Committee will take formal action in the future after the water and septic issues are clarified. Chief Kanterman also noted that the SOR under consideration is based on a renovation of the existing firehouse and that the SOR would change if that were no longer the goal.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Burney informed the Committee that the seismic issues associated with renovation are solvable at a cost, but would be addressed once the water and septic issues are

addressed. Modification of the door height to accommodate larger equipment is not a major issue and would not have an impact on the seismic requirements.

The members of the Committee again offered their services to Mr. Burney to assist in contacting relevant third parties in order to keep the project on schedule.

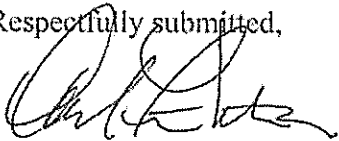
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

David Waters, Acting Recording Secretary

