



Fire House #2 Building Committee



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**FIRE HOUSE #2 BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
16 August 2016**

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Chairman Rich McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. after returning from attending the Land Trust meeting. In attendance were Committee Members Kevin Czarnecki, Phil Reeves, Ron Hitter and Ross Tartell. Also in attendance were Chris Burney, Facilities Director of the Town of Wilton, and Fire Chief Ron Kanterman.

MINUTES

Mr. McCarty made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tartell. Motion carried 4-0. There was one abstention.

REVIEW OF DISCUSSION AT LAND TRUST MEETING

Mr. McCarty reported on his August 16 meeting with the Land Trust. The purpose was to discuss the possibility of gaining support from the Land Trust to gain access to potable well water from the Land Trust land. He reported that they support the drilling of a test well on the property.

The specifics covered were:

Mr. McCarty reviewed the key issues having an impact on the Station 2 renovation project. He specifically discussed the water and septic issues that need to be resolved.

During the ensuing discussion, the Land Trust pointed out that the parking lot at the cemetery across from Station 2 is Land Trust property.

These are the actions that the Land Trust and the Fire Station 2 Building Committee agreed to:

The Fire Station 2 Building Committee will mow the Land Trust land. That will enable a more thorough search for the well remaining from the residence that was previously on the site.

The Land Trust will contact Nick Lee to see if the well had been decommissioned after the house was demolished.

Aaron Nachbar will be contacted to decide where a test well might be drilled. The committee will seek his opinion regarding whether it might be best to drill at the cemetery parking lot or at the back of the property near Keeler's ridge.

The Land Trust asked that if any drilling is done on the site that:

- 1) The Fire Station 2 Building Committee ensure we properly clean up the mess.
- 2) If potable water is found on the site and a working well is dug, that a split be created so that the Land Trust has access to water.

UPDATE ON SEPTIC ISSUES

Mr. Burney reported that Barry Bogle, Town Director of Health, had indicated that the septic system would support 6-8 individuals. Mr Burney reported that Mr. Bogle noted that the existing system is fine and that he has an approved plan for a new system, should one become necessary.

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE RFPs FOR DRILLING OF TEST WELL

Mr. Reeves made a motion to authorize Mr. Burney to get three RFPs and then to make the expenditure to proceed. During discussion the committee felt that it needed to proceed more slowly and discussed the implications of asking for RFPs in regard to drilling a test well.

Mr. Reeves revised the motion to authorize Mr. Burney to invite three drillers to submit bids to drill a test well. The motion was seconded by Mr. Czarnecki. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Given the progress made on the water and septic issues, Mr. Burney raised for discussion the possibility of creating and sending out an RFQ and pricing proposal for architectural engineering services. The committee then discussed how to shape what goes into the "spec." The committee discussed how important it is for it to shape what the architect creates.

Mr. Burney will send a draft of RFP/RFQ (Request for Proposal/Request for Qualification) for the architectural specifications for review by the Station 2 Renovation Committee prior to the next meeting.

The committee discussed updating the Board of Selectman at the September 12, BOS meeting. Topics would be water, septic and updating the SOR.

A question was raised about what funds were approved. The committee noted that \$90,000 was approved for a study by an A&E firm. The million dollars for funding was never approved by the town. It was only a "placeholder" in the town budget.

Mr. McCarty will update the First Selectman on our progress and specifically on our status with the Land Trust.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Committee determined that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee will occur on August 30, 2016 at 7:30 PM at a place to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Tartell, Acting Recording Secretary