

Fire House #2 Building Committee



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**FIRE HOUSE #2 BUILDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
(JOINT MEETING WITH WILTON FIRE COMMISSION)
01 FEBRUARY 2018**

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A FUTURE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

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This Special Meeting of the Fire House #2 Building Committee was a joint meeting with the Wilton Fire Commission. Chairman Rich McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Committee Members Kevin Czarnecki, Ron Hitter, Ross Tartell (also a Wilton Fire Commissioner) and David Waters. Also in attendance were First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice; Chris Burney, Facilities Director of the Town of Wilton; Rob Sanders, project architect; Fire Chief Ron Kanterman; Wilton Fire Commissioners Casey Healy and Chris Weldon; Dave Chaloux and other members of the public.

PRESENTATION TO THE FIRE COMMISSION

Mr. McCarty introduced the members of the Committee and provided a background of the Committee's charge and function, as well as a summary of its activities to date. He noted that Rob Sanders has been selected as the architect for the project. He reported that the Committee's first priority was to address the need for potable water and possible septic modifications; the potable water issue is being solved for a total of \$65,000 through the assistance of Aaron Nachbar and the Wilton Land Trust, and the Health Department has determined that the existing septic system is acceptable.

Mr. McCarty then reported the Committee's findings that the existing Fire House #2 building and systems are at the end of their useful life, and if the condition of the facility is not addressed at this point it could result in a catastrophic failure of the building systems necessitating a shutdown of the building and a reduction in fire and emergency services coverage for a significant area of Wilton. Mr. Sanders then presented the alternatives that the Committee had reviewed. Mr. McCarty reported the Committee's recommendation, based upon the SOR and the charge to design renovations for a useful

life of at least 25 years, was a renovation that included raising the height of the apparatus bays and a partial two-story addition over the existing footprint.

A discussion ensued as to the need or desirability to increase the height of the apparatus bays to accommodate taller vehicles. The Committee and the Fire Commission agreed that more information was required as to any additional cost of new apparatus designed to fit existing conditions, and whether the increased project cost to raise the height of the access bays was justified by the benefit that such improvements would provide. A further discussion ensued as to timing to present the project to a Town Meeting for bonding approval.

Mr. Healy thanked the Commission for the presentation and for its work. Further action or discussion was deferred until more information was available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment by members of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Waters, Acting Recording Secretary