

Minutes December 12, 2018

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

Present: Tom Finnegan (Committee Chairman), Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Bob Bartlett, Wes Staples, Clyde Simino, Scott Talbott, and residents Jason Bafundi and Randall Walter.

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Minutes from the November 5 meeting were read and accepted.

The report of the December 7 meeting with the NHDES Wetlands/Subsurface staff was discussed at length. Many felt that bullet #5 regarding the wetlands needed to be addressed. Is there a culvert or a stream? The decision was voiced that the stream was man-made and should be replaced with man-made; it will be better to pipe it.

The next issue involved the planned test pits, regarding who was performing them, under whose observation, and documented by whom? This led to a funding question as to any remaining monies in the warrant article from last Town Meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding what happens next. With Town Meeting within three months, the committee will focus on funding and supporting the amount to be requested for approval. Issues to be addressed include funding for the project, the proper schedule of events in working towards construction, and determining successive budget amounts. Members of the committee were encouraged to reach out to neighboring towns which have recently built new stations to ask for costs per square foot.

As the committee prepares for Town Meeting, the details to be presented in the warrant article, the figure to be requested and documented, and the language of the article will need to be determined.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett