

Fire Station Building Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Present: Harry Nelson, Wes Staples, Clyde Simino, Bob Bartlett, Tom Finnegan, Scott Talbot, Graham Gitchell, Bill Campbell

Following introductions, Harry informed the group of the current situation regarding the fire station project. The Selectmen have contracted Scully Architects of Keene to complete a feasibility study on the condition of the present station. Mr. Scully was given 90 days to complete it, at which point it will be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Also, the Board of Selectmen is investigating the ownership and area of the land surrounding the existing station.

A discussion followed regarding the condition of the existing building and its negative impact on the equipment housed there. Funding was also mentioned, with hope that grants would be available when the time comes. Other possible site locations were also discussed.

The committee feels that it is important to keep the town informed as to their efforts and plans regarding the station, both in informal conversations among neighbors and with presentations at town meetings. The general feeling is that the station will not be an elaborate structure, but more of a functional and economical investment for the town. Chief Nelson commented that the townspeople have spent a good deal of money to purchase firefighting equipment for the protection of the people and their property; his major concern is that it is becoming more difficult to maintain this equipment because of the condition of the existing station.

Tom Finnegan was appointed to serve as chairman of the committee.

No further plans can be made until the feasibility study is complete and the Board of Selectmen have reviewed it and reported back to the committee.