

Minutes January 14, 2022

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

Present: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Bob Bartlett, Scott Talbott, and residents Randall Walter and John Snowdon.

Meeting convened at 4:05 pm

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2021, meeting was made by Graham and seconded by Scott.

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss plans for public involvement in and education about the proposed new fire station building.

- The decision was made to have a virtual informational session on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Westmoreland school at 7:00 p.m. Concerns regarding a suspected increase in Covid cases in that time frame drove the decision to make the session both in person as well as virtual. With much discussion regarding question-and-answer issues and computer access for all, the format of Google Meet was determined to be the best and most adaptable to the needs of the session.
- Tom proposed sending out a one page single-sided mailing to all townspeople with information regarding the dates of videos to be available, the informational session to be held, the dates of the Town elections, the date of Town Meeting, and all other pertinent information.
- Tom repeated the plan for committee members to attend other town boards/committees for a presentation and to answer any questions the board members may have regarding the plans for the new station.
- There are ten videos that will be made available to the public: six which introduce firefighters, an introduction to the plan for the station, a video/discussion regarding the present size limitations of the existing station, an explanation regarding the cancer dangers of firefighting, and an explanation of the costs of the proposed station. The videos and their creation are being donated to the fire department by involved residents.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett