

Minutes – March 5, 2019

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

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

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting were read and accepted.

The meeting began with a discussion of a draft handout to be offered at the Town Meeting. The intent of the handout is to inform people as to what Article 8 on the warrant is about, and to educate people about the committee's background. After several suggestions and additions and deletions, a final draft was accepted. Later in the meeting it was decided to show the C-6 site plan on the back of the handout.

A good deal of discussion followed regarding the situation involving the septic system, in terms of the present issue with the town hall system and also the design of the intended fire station system. In the end, the committee agreed to wait and see what the Board of Selectmen decide to do.

On Monday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a representative from the USDA, a collaborative which focuses on grants for rural development, in the Westmoreland town hall to discuss the fire station project. Committee members are welcome to join the meeting. The Emergency Management group has also offered the possibility of grant funds. The concept of fundraising was then discussed, but put on the table for future planning. The suggestion was made that at that time, a separate committee should be formed to focus on fundraising.

The general focus of the committee has now moved from the 2018 work of procuring a site and septic location to the 2019 work of developing a building design and energy plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett