

Minutes -- March 6, 2018

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

Present: Tom Finnegan (Committee Chairman), Bob Bartlett, Harry Nelson, Scott Talbot, Clyde Simino, and resident Randall Walter.

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the January 9 meeting were read and accepted.

Harry and Tom reported that the committee request to have the town meeting money for the site plan placed in a Capital Reserve Fund account is not possible. The funds cannot be used for anything else other than the site plan and is only available until the end of the fiscal year of the article.

Members who attended the Budget Committee hearing felt that there was a positive reception to the committee request for the funding. Members are encouraged to attend the town meeting on March 14, and an email will be sent to that effect.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed informational handout to be distributed at town meeting. There was some concern that the handout was too complex in its scope, while others felt that whether the town used the property for a fire station or not, it is important to know of any limitations that may exist. It was also suggested that the BOS be advised of the handout and its contents.

Tom reported that while attending a meeting for Emergency Management personnel, he was advised that there may be some funding available to help cover costs of an EM office within the new fire station.

Harry reported that a soon-to-be resident of town, Jason Bafundi, had expressed an interest in assisting the committee with various facets of the construction of the fire station. Jason has experience as a construction project manager. Randall added that they have worked together on other projects and he, too, would be willing to assist along the way. The theme of drawing on local skills appears to be alive and well.

From there, a discussion followed regarding the funds that had been spent thus far, what had been accomplished, and how to secure the best results from the RFP process. The feasibility study was done (\$8k), a survey was done, and the land has been purchased (\$46K). Any work that has been completed should not be repeated in the RFP proposal.

Next meeting will be determined following town meeting results.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett