

Minutes October 17, 2018

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

Present: Tom Finnegan (Committee Chairman), Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Bob Bartlett, Wes Staples, Scott Talbot, and resident Jason Bafundi.

Meeting convened at 7:05 pm

Minutes from the May 9 and September 20 meetings were read and accepted.

There had previously been a question as to the water use of the present well which is shared by the Fire Department and the Town Hall. A water meter was to be installed to monitor the use. The issue was raised again and a reminder was given.

A discussion was had regarding the condition of the proposed site. It was recommended that the site be brush-hogged again before winter to keep it neat. It was also suggested that Dave be asked if the Highway Department brush mower could be brought in to clean up the heavier brush along the boundaries.

The next issue was a response to the letter received from Rob Hitchcock regarding the proposals the committee submitted for possible adjustments to his C-3 plan. References were made to alternate wetlands determinations and labels, as well as a recommendation that the committee seek a second opinion. The thought was that the site has wet grounds, not wetlands. Also, since the area in question covers less than two acres, it does not qualify as a wetlands issue.

Parking may present the next problem, as it may have sparked the wetlands issue. By increasing the parking area and the roof surface, there is a resultant increase in surface run-off, which brought up the real issue of surface and stormwater drainage and its run-off into the abutting property.

The committee agreed that the suggestion to rotate the building to line up with the Town Hall is not necessary and the location as included on plan C-3 would be satisfactory.

The decision was reached that Rob needs to present a viable option to the committee. When he has one to offer, he will contact Tom so that a meeting can be scheduled. In the meantime, JoAnn LaBarre will be asked about funding of any additional meetings with Rob.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett