

Minutes – September 20, 2018

Fire Department Facility Advisory Committee

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

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Minutes of the May 1 and August 14 meetings were read and accepted.

The meeting began with a review of the three concept designs prepared by Rob Hitchcock. Preliminary topics of discussion centered on the following:

- Is any design particularly better suited to meet the needs of the fire department and emergency operations?

*Concerns/opinions: Many opinions were offered in regards to the parking space available, but a more pressing issue involved the entrance/exit of the fire apparatus, both for visibility along route 63 and turning into or exiting from the building. A larger apron offers greater safety to both the firefighters and townspeople.*

- Which design is best suited to the site?

*Concerns/opinions: The issue of the wetlands raised many questions regarding the footprint placement. Parking, cistern, leach field, and well are all concerns. It may be possible that the wetlands are not formed naturally, but the result of drainage from the culvert along route 63. It was also mentioned that the area has been used for agriculture, which may impact the wetlands designation. The idea of placing the building on this site reinforces the concept of a town center, tying it in with the Town Hall and the Village Store. The site itself is pleasing to the eye of the passing public.*

- Which design offers the most to the town in terms of cost?

*Concerns/opinions: This topic cannot be dealt with significantly until adaptations of the presented designs are addressed.*

At the end of the various discussions, it was agreed that the C-3 plan from SVE best suits the department's needs and that Randall would take the design and do some mark-ups asking for clarifications and other possible adjustments to the placement of the building to allow better alignment with the Town Hall. The next meeting will be with Rob Hitchcock and the committee will hear his responses to the committee questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett