

## Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	03/17/2017 at 4:30 PM
Transcribed By:	Kathy Tobine	Place:	Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton

Commissioner Auger called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Present: Commissioners Paul Blaisdell and Dennis Manning; Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr.

Public Present: Peter Saliba

### District Meeting Planning

#### Warrant Article 12 (Any Other Business)

Commissioner Manning commented that they will not be able to ask for any money in Warrant Article 12 based on information they have received from DRA.

#### Warrant Article 10 (Design Service & Permit Fees)

Discussion ensued about the Board of Commissioners becoming agents of the Land & Building Fund. Chief Sitar commented that cannot be done this year. He received two recommendations on what can be done if they believe this article will fail and they want to continue on with the program. They can either move Warrant Article 10 on the fire station to the front of the meeting or move Warrant Article 4 on the Operating Budget to after Warrant Article 10. If they do this and W/A 10 fails, W/A 4 can be amended to include money to continue with the program for next year. Commissioner Blaisdell recommended they leave it where it is. They have done the best that they can. He would rather they go with it and see what happens.

Commissioner Blaisdell asked Chief Sitar if there was money in the Operating Budget to continue funding Kyle Barker next year. Chief Sitar commented it is too early in the fiscal year. We budgeted to a very tight budget to keep the bottom line. It is a 1.1% increase over last year. Leave it as it is, let it pass or fail on its merits.

Commissioner Manning commented that he is not in favor of Plan B. We do not have a Plan B. They do not have the funding or the authorization to do any of that. Article 10 stands as it is for \$120,000 for the permitting and design fees.

Commissioner Blaisdell commented that he was glad Tilton School has made the donation contingent upon the engineering studies and the permitting. The key input will be more detailed engineering and plan documents than what is proposed in the current warrant article.

Peter Saliba commented that they are really excited to consider making the donation. They don't have all the information they need. Part of the information they need does come from that study. They need to know how this is going to impact the uses they have for that parcel of land. Their dream is to have a continuous campus, to move the fields from Northfield to that parcel. They will need to spend approximately \$10,000 to take the District's drawings and superimpose them with their architect on everything they have at the school. There was full support from the Board to move forward with this. They just want to be cautious.

Commissioner Blaisdell asked what if the Fire District spends the \$120,000 for the permitting and engineering and then Tilton School says that really doesn't fit our plan. Peter Saliba commented that from all the information they have right now they don't think it is going to impact more than this. Furthermore, there is such a great history between the Town and the School that they would not knowingly put that in jeopardy. This is a risk they would not have undertaken unless they were fairly certain of the impact. Commissioner Manning commented that it is a mutual risk. Peter Saliba commented they would only do this if they thought there was a reasonable chance of success.

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Extensive discussion ensued.

Chief Sitar commented the Facilities Committee has worked very hard for the past two years doing due diligence to come up with the plan they put forth. Commissioner Blaisdell commented the group has worked very hard and looked at it from every angle.

The vote was discussed. Chief Sitar reported that Tim Sattler will be putting forth the request for a secret ballot.

Peter Saliba explained that he will be attending Northfield's Town Meeting as well as District Meeting. He explained that he will be answering any questions people have as well as giving a statement. He reviewed the information he will be providing in his statement with the Board.

Paul Auger commented that he supports the project but he is concerned about the \$5,000,000 cost. If people don't go with this, shame on them. They won't find another piece of land that costs nothing. Dennis Manning commented that he is confident that it won't cost \$5,000,000 but they need to price it high. Paul Blaisdell commented they are fighting people stating that they can build a building for \$1,000,000. Discussion continued about the building.

Various points to be made at District Meeting were reviewed.

Warrant Article 05 (Engine 1 Refurbishment)

The refurbishment of Engine 1 was reviewed. Chief Sitar explained he is waiting for the evaluation done by Winnepesaukee Truck. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Commissioner Blaisdell will speak to this article.

Responding to medical calls with the ambulance and fire engine versus the ambulance and pickup truck was discussed. Chief Sitar commented that we are in the service business. Discussion ensued.

The Board requested Chief Sitar track how many times the engine goes out on things other than fires and provide this information in his monthly report.

Warrant Article 10 (Design Service & Permit Fees)

Commissioner Manning remarked that the purpose of the meeting tonight was to review the warrant. They cannot make any changes to the warrant. Commissioner Blaisdell commented they should not make any changes whatsoever. Let it sink or swim on its own merit. Commissioner Manning commented he is glad they can't do anything. He doesn't want to give them an out to the \$120,000 warrant article. Chief Sitar commented that this has been explained to everyone by email, even the Facilities Committee. Anyone can see that a Plan B is not possible at this point. Discussion ensued about the land. Commissioner Auger commented that they need to concentrate on the \$120,000. The other number doesn't matter. They need to know what the actual cost it and this will help determine what that number will be.

Adjournment

Commissioner Manning made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Blaisdell seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tobine  
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 04/04/17 at 5:30 PM. Meeting to be held at Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton.