

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

2021 Fire Station Building Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: FSBC

Date, Time: 01/22/24, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Courtney Palmer

Location: Tilton Town Hall
257 Main St.
Tilton, NH 03276
Downstairs Meeting Room

Call to Order

Paul Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Attendance

Kevin Waldron, Commissioner Tim Sattler, Nate Langione, Paul Blaisdell, Dennis Manning, and Chief Michael Sitar.

Minutes

Dennis made a motion to accept the 12.11.23 minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

UNH Survey

Paul stated that the purpose of this meeting is to provide guidance to the Chief and the UNH Survey Center to support the Tilton-Northfield district-wide survey.

Kevin asked how many questions should be on the survey and how long it should be. Discussion ensued.

Each committee member has provided questions for the survey. They were reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Sattler mentioned he doesn't believe questions about dissolving the Fire District are appropriate for this survey.

There was discussion about questions that include dollar amounts for the cost of a new station.

Paul stated that there should be a short section at the beginning of the survey that includes why you are receiving the survey, what the Fire District expects to gain from it, and informational data. Discussion ensued.

Paul stated that he thinks they should lean on the data that the Chief provides and expand on that as far as interfacing with the community and getting them more involved.

Chief Sitar explained call trends and where most calls are coming from currently.

Commissioner Sattler asked about how much the voters would be willing to vote for, what the dollar amount would be, and where the station would be located.

Nate suggested having a narrative and financial section.

Paul stated that the goal of this survey is to educate the public and get a pulse of the two towns. He agreed with Nate's suggestion.

Discussion ensued about including site locations in the survey.

Dennis asked Chief Sitar where he is getting his current call data from. Chief Sitar responded that calls are assigned to a response district.

Paul clarified that what the Committee wants to have is a short narrative at the beginning of the survey that states why someone would be receiving the survey, states the objective, and includes department statistics and history. Discussion ensued. He suggested giving UNH all the information and having them write the narrative.

Kevin suggested adding the question "Do you support new construction, regardless of cost?" Discussion ensued.

Paul asked when the Commissioners are going to determine if there is money in the budget for this. Chief Sitar responded that they are meeting next Monday with the Budget Committee at 5:30 PM at the Tilton Police Department.

Paul stated that after UNH populates the questions and writes the narrative the Committee can fine-tune the survey.

The Committee would like all their questions and notes consolidated into one document for the Commissioners to review.

Adjournment

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. Nate seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Palmer

Courtney Palmer
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

February 12, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Park Street Fire Station
149 Park Street
Northfield, NH 03276