

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

2021 Fire Station Building Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: FSBC

Date, Time: 10/02/23, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Courtney Palmer

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

Call to Order

Paul Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Attendance

Dennis Manning, Kevin Waldron, Lisa Martin, Paul Blaisdell, Commissioner Tim Sattler, Nate Langione, and Deputy Chief Sean Valovanie

Old Business

Paul started a discussion about response times. He also discussed the intention of the public informational meetings.

Nate asked if the commissioners, Loureiro, or fire department would be involved in the meetings. Paul clarified that the meetings would consist of one member of the building committee, one member of the board of commissioners, and later down the line, Loureiro will be involved as well.

Lisa suggested having an outline for each meeting. She also stated that Center Street could be an asset of \$350,000 according to Zillow if they were to sell it instead of swapping it for the Sanborn Rd site.

Discussion ensued about hazardous materials in the Center Street building – lead paint.

There was discussion about the cost of the sitework and the total cost.

Commissioner Sattler described the 9.26.23 commissioners meeting. He stated that they had some concerns about a property swap and not owning the Sanborn Rd lot. He stated that the commissioners have a verbal agreement with the town of Tilton to give them Center Street with the building removed and the parking lot paved, in exchange for the Sanborn Rd site. He said they are still waiting to hear back from the town at this point. He said that the commissioners did reach out last Wednesday.

Paul suggested a pause until there is a definitive answer from the board of selectman about the property swap.

Lisa stated that the national historic preservation act, section 106 does not apply because the Center Street station does not have any federal funding.

Commissioner Sattler stated that even with the commissioner's concerns, they want the building committee to continue moving forward with space needs.

Discussion ensued about space needs.

Paul asked if they should be pushing this towards a 2024 district meeting. He asked if they should wait to introduce this until 2025. Nate stated that it seems they are stuck until the land agreement is figured out.

Nate further stated that they should try to keep the same timeline and goals for 2024, but if they are not ready in March, then moving to 2025 would be fine.

Lisa agreed.

Commissioner Sattler agreed.

Commissioner Sattler discussed how response times would be affected moving to either Park Street or Sanborn Rd. He stated that if there can't be one station between exit 20 and the current Center Street station, then there would need to be a two-station solution.

Dennis discussed ethical decision making.

There was discussion about the most vulnerable people and where they are located as it relates to where there should be a new station.

Kevin commented on second guessing the engineers and whether that is what they are doing or not. Discussion about this ensued. He stated that he does not like the "race to March."

Nate makes a motion to accept the minutes from 9.19.23. Dennis seconded the motion. Lisa requested to add that "Matt said Center Street was valued at \$350,000 based on Zillow" to page 3, paragraph 2. The full extent of the conversation is unintelligible from the recording because it was said so quietly, but it can be made out that Matt said Center Street is worth \$350,000 based on Zillow. A vote is taken on the amended minutes. The motion is passed.

Paul stated that the next meeting would be on October 23rd, 2023, at 5:30PM at the Tilton Town Hall.

Deputy Chief Valovane stated that he attended the meeting to gather information, so there can be more buy in within the department. He stated that the only point he wanted to make was an empty station does not respond to calls. He discussed response times and where personnel respond from. He added that there is a need for 3 ambulances. He stated that 1 in 3 calls are a second call.

Lisa stated that she thinks they should discuss the current status of the project at the informational meetings. She added that she would like there to be an agenda and a handout.

Nate stated that they should not have a public meeting in October. The meetings have not been advertised yet. Nate agreed there should be an agenda but does not think they should vote on or approve anything at this meeting.

Paul explained that he wants to incorporate the agenda Lisa created into the flyer that would go out to the public.

There was discussion about adding an agenda to the flyer.

Paul stated the objective of the meetings is to inform the public on what they are doing and why.

Lisa commented that she wants the objective on the flyer.

Paul clarified that he wants each member of the committee to come up with an agenda for the public meetings.

Commissioner Sattler commented that the most important part of the meetings are letting the public ask questions. Lisa added that there should be someone recording/writing down the questions.

Nate suggested that the next committee meeting should be focused on discussing space needs.

Paul stated that he will remove the October meeting from the library's room reservations. He would like to keep the November 4th and November 18th meetings.

Nate would like to schedule a third meeting between Nov. 4th and 18th, not on a Saturday. He suggested a Sunday in the late afternoon or evening. Paul stated that the library is not open on Sunday afternoon/evening. He suggested a Wednesday or Thursday evening instead. The library is open until 8PM on Thursdays as well as Fridays.

Paul would like volunteers from the committee to be at the meetings. Nate added that he would also like volunteers from the fire department to be there. Paul stated that he believes it would be better to just have commissioners and the building committee.

Lisa noted that they are not trying to replace the meetings that Loureiro will be holding.

Adjournment

Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM.

Submitted Respectfully,

Courtney Palmer

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Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

October 23, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
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