

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

2021 Fire Station Building Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: FSBC

Date, Time: 12/11/23, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Courtney Palmer

Location: Park Street Station
149 Park Street
Northfield, NH 03276

Call to Order

Paul Blaisdell called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Attendance

Dennis Manning, Kevin Waldron, Lisa Martin, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Auger, Chief Michael Sitar, and Derek Farrell.

Minutes

Paul made a motion to approve the 10.23.23 meeting minutes as corrected. Dennis seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Paul made a motion to approve the 11.27.23 meeting minutes. Lisa seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

Old Business

Paul reiterated that the goal of the Committee is to recommend to the Commissioners a shovel-ready plan that can be voted on at the 2024 district meeting for a fire station that meets the district's current needs. He added that the Committee agreed that they will likely not have a shovel-ready plan for that 2024 district meeting.

Chief Sitar reported back about the 12.05.23 Commissioner's meeting. He stated that they dismissed the Committee's recommendation to have them speak with the Board of Selectmen in Tilton. He added that the Commissioners requested that he bring the Committee a couple of options as to how to go forward using the land on Sanborn Rd. and Park St.

Chief Sitar mentioned his three plans: a headquarters on Park St. and a substation on Sanborn Rd., a headquarters on Sanborn Rd. and a substation on Park St., or a single fire station on either site. A single station came out to 22,422 sqft in total. A headquarters on Sanborn Rd. and a substation on Park St. came out to 27,599 sqft in total. A headquarters on Park St. and a substation on Sanborn Rd. came out to 28,639 sqft in total. He passed around designs that he made and explained them.

Extensive discussion ensued about site options and the land swap with the Town of Tilton.

Chief Sitar stated that the Commissioners also would like him to look into getting the NH Survey Center to survey the residents of the town to see what their thoughts are on different scenarios. Discussion ensued.

Derek commented that they should be focusing on a single station. Discussion ensued about shifts and staffing. Kevin commented that the Committee should not be discussing staffing as those decisions are not theirs to make.

Extensive discussion ensued about what the Commissioners are looking for and their directive for the Committee.

New Business

The Committee agreed they would like to get on the agenda for the Commissioner's January 2nd meeting.

Adjournment

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Palmer

Courtney Palmer
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

January 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Tilton Town Hall
Downstairs Meeting Room
257 Main Street
Tilton, NH