

2021 Fire Station Building Committee Highlights from April 2023 to March 2024

Committee charge from commissioners "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."

April 2023

- Interviews commenced with the two design/build teams, Fulcrum and Loureiro the two respondents from an area wide RFP for design/build services for a new station.
- Using scoring method for weighting different contractor traits and experience as well as interviews before the committee and commissioners, Loureiro was chosen
- Initial engineering contract is signed between the commissioners and the engineering firm
- Commissioners ask for space needs and cost studies for both Park St and Sanborn Rd, committee balks at spending any effort on Sanborn Rd until a formal legal agreement is in place for ownership

May

- Owners criteria and other contract details were discussed and revised

July

- Site Review of Sanborn Rd was requested
- Park St Geotechnical and previous building structural evaluations were discussed

August

- Geotechnical surveys conducted at Park St and Sanborn Rd sites were reviewed and discussed, including potential site upgrade costs

September

- Space needs discussion commence and is reviewed in collaboration with the contractor/engineer
- Committee votes on best site location based upon all available info: Sanborn Rd- 6 votes, Park St-1 vote, abstain-1 vote
- Community outreach sessions are discussed

October

- As there is still no formal agreement with the Town of Tilton for the Sanborn RD site, a pause was suggested until an agreement is reach

- Space needs were discussed as this information is valid regardless of site location.
- Using the existing Center St location for a new station was discussed and a site review was requested
- Public informational meetings were put on hold until more info is available

November

- Feasibility study conducted for Center St Tilton location
- Space needs were discussed in continuation

December

- Committee continues to discuss directives from the Board of Commissioners

January/February 2024

- Committee works on suggested questions for districtwide UNH Survey

During all of these meetings and discussions, there was always an overhanging dilemma- what is the pulse and desire of the community for a new facility and the tolerance for the cost of a new building.

There are enormous amounts of speculation and innuendo regarding that and in order to put those questions to bed, we recommended that a district wide, professionally performed survey be taken to obtain the untainted opinion of the taxpayer. So, with that in mind, the committee is partaking in such a survey which you will be seeing in the near future.