

Fire Department Building Committee July 26 6:30 pm

. Mike Hogan, Jack Daniels, Brad Alexander, Skip Bothfeld, Dean Deasy, Andy Luce, Karen Deasy, Joshua Bencanaan

1. Review agenda

Meeting called to order 6:32 changes to the agenda Mr Bencanaan came to discuss boundary line between the properties will be discussed later in the agenda under other business

2. Public comment

none

3. Update on tasks

- a. Community relations-

- i. Article on upcoming Ballot

The selectboard has put an advisory article on the ballot for the August primary to allow the community to provide input on relocation of the Fire station and upgrading the facility. Recent statutory changes allow for nonbinding articles to be put before the voters. The group discussed ways to get information out to the voters prior to the primary. Skip indicated the Hardwick gazette was meeting with the department to write a story regarding the existing facility and the planned relocation. The chronicle will not be publishing an August addition, other forums available are front porch forum possibly a mailing. A discussion was had as to getting people to post supporting the department and reminding them to vote, absentee ballots are also available Monday thru Thursday at the Town Clerks office. August 1 and 8th are the two dates the gazette will publish prior to the vote.

- ii. Open house

The Blood drive scheduled for August 1st will be at the fire house. The Fire Department also felt the last open house was productive and may host another.

- b. Master plan

i. Site plan

The department has discussed locating the new building to the rear of the parcel near the pond, screening will be planted along both property lines. Whistle will not be relocated.

Joshua wanted to discuss the property lines, he noted Lisa had been out flagging pin locations, he is unsure of the boundary line that runs at an angle next to his house. He wanted to discuss possibly shifting the property line at the corner. Lisa has not completed reviewing the survey data and until she does we can't decide anything with the property boundaries.

ii. Building design

The department has been working on a preliminary design, they will keep the function areas separating FD from public space, they will bring preliminary plan to the next meeting

iii. Building demolition

Building demo is on hold until after the public vote, the plan is to remove the structure prior to winter. The structure will not be burnt but removed off site.

c. Site visits – review Williamstown Site visit

Reviewed site visit to Williamstown last Monday. Board reviewed photos from the visit. Williamstown station is approx. 10,000 sf +/- 5 bays two deep and three shallow. The building is metal panel with a concrete block base. The shallow bays are not very deep roughly 45 ft, the entire building about 60' deep. There is only one drive through bay as the site was restricted. They do have a separate drive for members entering and apparatus driving out. The building is also green, the heating system is solar hot water, with radiant tubing and a pellet boiler as backup. There is a propane generator that swaps the whole building over. The meeting area was small, they also wished that they had more flexible office space. There are sleeping quarters on the second floor for member use. The department is volunteer. Williamstown has 4 trucks including a ladder truck plus an ambulance. The decontamination room was small and did not meet the

current requirements for gear washing. Other stations to visit. Skip will look at scheduling South Hero, Bristol and possibly Randolph.

d. Funding – update on grants

Karen is investigating funding sources, may need to pull many sources together. USDA and homeland security are options. It may require many funding sources to meet project needs.

4. Other business
5. Next meeting date August 30th 6:30 pm
6. Adjourn - motion to adjourn Skip seconded by Jack

Submitted by Karen Deasy