

Fire Department Building Committee October 25 6:30 pm

Mike Hogan, Skip Bothfeld, Andy Luce, Dean Deasy, Jeff Durgin, Karen Deasy

1. Review agenda

No changes

2. Public comment

The Laysleepers provided comment via email on the existing site reuse, attached, the committee discussed their comments indicating that their concerns are valid and will be addressed moving forward

3. Survey update

The committee members will meet on site November 1st at 1:00 pm to review the lotline placement in question.

4. Discuss facility needs

- a. Preliminary Plan – Existing station

The Red Cross indicated they were not pleased with the setup for the blood drive and indicated they would be sending a letter, the department has not seen it yet. Skip indicated Lajeunesse will be providing an additional letter on station conditions, Karen will discuss site constraints with Patrick Ross and see if he can provide a letter. Skip will set up an inspection Bristol and Williston. The FD will also complete the assessment of current equipment housed in the existing station.

- b. Mailing info

The Department is preparing a mailing for the community and reviewed a letter for the next chronicle addition. Fundraising and plans for a raffle were discussed, several organizations have very successful raffle events. Members will discuss prizes with various people and choose dates for next year. It was decided focus should be continuing to get information out about the existing station conditions and addressing questions as they arise.

5. Other business

6. Next meeting date December 6th 6:30 pm

7. Adjourn

Submitted by Karen Deasy

Subject: Cabot Fire Dept meeting on 10/25
From: theresa lay-sleeper <tlaysle@yahoo.com>
Date: 10/23/2018 7:07 PM
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CC: "Ronald L. Lay-Sleeper" <ronlaysleeper@yahoo.com>

Hi Karen,

I'm not sure if Mike is the chair of the fire station facility work group or not but I appreciate your FPF post and the ability to respond quickly. I am not able to attend the meeting on the 25th but would like to state for the record that we continue to have some concern about what will happen with the town lot that the building is on.

If that lot were turned in to a parking lot for the creamery, it would have a negative impact on surrounding residents, quality of life, home values, and the village image. By image - I mean first impression of the village. We could consider a sort of welcome spot for people coming in to the village and the spot is already neighboring the lovely Westervelt lot. Good to break up parking lots all along the river! After coming past the creamery, it would be nice to catch a glimpse of something a little more homey, welcoming, & green. We want to remember that this is not only public space but it is set in the midst of a cluster of homes & families.

If more creamery parking were the choice, the neighbors would experience increased noise at all hours, lights shining in our windows, and more visual blight. Residents on the back street have quite a lot of town & village business to contend with already given the constant growth of the creamery, and the wastewater pumping station.

It would be great to have a tiny park-let at the beginning of the village proper.

I would appreciate your sharing this with the fire station committee.
I will do my best to stay in touch.

Thank you & the committee for your work & listening to the neighbors.
Theresa