



# Fire Station Building Review Committee

Approved  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Selectman Allan N. Brown opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

In Attendance: Selectman Allan N. Brown, Peter Wyman – Fire Department, Ed Raymond – Fire Chief, Peter Ladd – Energy Committee, Anthony Mento – resident/Architectural Designer, Kimberley Edelmann – Budget Committee, Howard Kirchner – citizen at large, Janice Loz – resident/Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair

Absent: Lois Lord – resident/Land Use Secretary,

Others present: Ed Mical, Steve Hall, Tony Nichols, Pat & Bob DeAngelis

## **1. Meeting Minutes**

- A. Ed Raymond moved to approve meeting minutes dated September 30, October 21 and November 4 from 2015. Anthony seconded the motion, motion passed 9-0. Anthony asked if the photo's that were taken should be added to the minutes and on the website. Kimberley said she would send the pictures to the Selectmen's office.
- B. Anthony will return the architectural documents provided by the Fire Chief in Contoocook unless someone else wants to review them. Selectman Brown asked Anthony if there is anything in the documents that can help us. Anthony said they are site specific, adding on to an existing building. Kimberley asked Anthony what he learned from them. Anthony said he learned he wouldn't lay out a fire station that way. He said the second hallway space appears to be excessive. The turn-out gear storage was nice though. He learned a little of both, what we want and what we don't want.

## **2. Henniker Fire Department**

- A. Ed Raymond would like to see the Henniker Fire Department. Ed will arrange the site-visit for Wednesday April 20th at 4:00 pm.

## **3. Fire Station Land**

- A. Selectman Brown thanked Anthony for all the work he did on the diagram of calls which was used at Town Meeting.
- B. The Selectmen have voted to purchase the property now owned by Gordon Smith (149 West Main St.).
- C. Selectman Brown is also working with the owner of a slice of property that runs along the Smith property on Split Rock Road. The property would allow for another entrance off of Split Rock Road. Selectman Brown showed the committee members, using a map, the strip of land and how it could enhance the property, but it's not a deal breaker.
- D. Selectman Brown said a buffer to the property will be added on the east side of the property.
- E. Janice said there is a blind corner on Split Rock Rd. Selectman Brown said we could have the Highway Safety Committee lower the speed limit to 25 mph.
- F. Anthony said by getting the strip of land and having a potential access drive, he asked what is the intent of the access drive. Ed Raymond said it would be used as an alternative when returning from a call, all apparatus will exit by way of route 103.

- G. Ed Raymond said the architect that designed a fire station for Map 29 Lot 1, Jonathan Halle, offered to talk to the committee to explain what the town has already, and what he can do for the town for no cost, Ed said Jonathan feels bad because the town spent \$250K and the structure designed didn't go anywhere. Selectman Brown said the electric and plumbing on the original design is already out of code. Ed said the architect said there is a lot on the design that can be utilized. The committee feels it's worth the time. Selectman Brown said what needs to be discussed is are we going to do an architectural design or a design build. Anthony said the way design build works is the committee comes up with very clear specifications, you give a contractor all the information that includes a survey, geo-technical report on the lot, and specs for the building. That information goes out to design build companies, usually general contractor's will team up with an architect and as a group, design a building that meets the needs. The contractor's would price it and then the town compares the prices. Anthony said the town must have an engineering architectural firm because it is a public safety building. Anthony said the town would see some savings from a design build. Selectman Brown said the one thing he wants is for the town to have total control.
- H. Kimberley asked how much can the committee do conceptually before looking for outside help. Anthony said the committee can write up a specification of everything wanted, develop an outline spec., have a survey done and the geo-technical report. The committee can write the RFP that would go out publicly and that would be a concise package. Peter Wyman asked from that process do we get any drawings that we can put before the town? Anthony said yes. Selectman Brown said as soon as the committee comes up with a solid figure on the square feet, he intends on holding public information meetings, the public will be bombarded with information.
- I. Kimberley suggested a sight walk after the property is purchased to get the creative juices flowing.
- J. Ed Raymond said there have been some concerns about washing trucks on the new property. Ed said the Fire Department is held to a higher standard, when the trucks are washed that too needs to be engineered for a collection system.
- K. Anthony asked if the committee should first respond to the original directives before moving forward. Selectman Brown said he will follow up. Also, Anthony said in moving forward an agenda for each meeting would be helpful.
- L. Selectman Brown asked Ed Raymond how much water the tankers hold. Ed said 1,500 gallons each tanker (3), the engines hold 1,200 gallons each (2). Selectman Brown was asked about the tanker that is sitting outside, they wanted to know why we are building a bay for it if it's not going to be replaced. Ed said the tanker is 30 years old, we use it on the interstate, it has a board on it for directionals. Ed said he couldn't sell the tanker for what it's worth and it's worth more to the Fire Department than what people were offering. Selectman Brown said being 30 years old how much longer will it be kept. Ed said in the shape it's in now, which is excellent, for a while. Selectman Brown said his point is we will need to justify every square inch.
- M. Selectman Brown asked if a free standing shed is needed for equipment that does not require being in a heated atmosphere. The committee wants to stake out the building when they do their site-visit.
- N. The committee talked about meeting with energy efficient entities.
- O. Anthony said another consideration is a competitive design build. As the committee progresses the way to bid out will be determined.
- P. Selectman Brown said at this time the building size is 10,094 square feet. Kimberley is to forward the pictures she has taken from their site visits.
- Q. Selectman Brown said after the committee visits Henniker he wants to iron down the needed square footage. He also asked the members if they want to continue to be members and all said yes.
- R. Anthony will forward the email link to the map that was created showing the call lists.

- S. Ed Raymond talked about a call he received from an insurance company for the mileage between a particular house and the fire house. He said insurance companies are tightening up on the rules and regulations regarding the distance. He said the particular home was more than 5 miles away from the station, this underwriter will not write a policy. Selectman Brown said that's why he was against moving the station out of the village area.
- T. Pat DeAngelis asked what would happen with the house and garage on the property. Selectman Brown said because nothing is in concrete, we discussed demolishing it and moving it so far. The house is not strategically placed on the lot to be useable.

#### **4. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Whalen  
Recording secretary