

Fire Department Building Committee August 30 6:30 pm

.Mike Hogan, Skip Bothfeld, Jeff Durgin, Dean Deasy Andy Luce Ron Laysleeper, Theresa Laysleeper, Therien Laysleeper, Brittany Butler

1. Review agenda

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm – no revisions to the agenda

2. Public comment

none

3. Vote results-Next Steps

Mike gave a summary of the vote results 218 no 195 yes advising this was roughly 37% of registered voters, the question was advisory and the results indicate no clear directive. It was discussed that communication of facts and as the project moves forward to educate the voters is important. Improved communication to the community of the issues and the facts available resources are front porch forum and the chronicle perhaps mailings should also be considered. Additional public votes for input will be required for funding approval as many grants required public approval as the project moves forward.

4. Survey update- discuss lot lines

Lisa Ginett has been working on the survey and identifying the lot corners. An error was found in the lot line between the former Blondin property (BenCanaan parcel) and the Town parcel the deeded references do not match the survey line as indicated. Lisa suggested the Town should meet with the owner to review the findings and determine the lot lines. The committee decided to invite the adjacent landowner to the next meeting to discuss the lot line issue.

5. Discuss facility needs

- a. Investigate current site for redevelopment

The question to address is the suitability for the existing lot and station to be redeveloped. There are many current requirements including those from NFPA, OSHA & VOSHA. The current building code issues were reviewed as well as the spatial issues for the equipment. The site had previously been reviewed by the state and limits of construction were reviewed, expansion to the rear of the lot cannot happen due to the river, the lot currently ends approx. 12” from the southern side of the structure, currently the fire department has to cone three ft of the road when the trucks are pulled out onto the apron. Also the structural issues of the existing building were reviewed, the ability to put a second floor on the structure would require significant structural modifications the existing foundation

is pulling away from the building and was previously repaired 15 years ago and is showing signs of needing repair again. A second level would provide limited space and would not solve the bay spatial issues or hazmat requirements of the facility. The department will put together a document indicating the spatial deficiencies in the facility and complete a code review.

b. Plan for new station

Department is still in the block stage taking the spatial requirements for the equipment and facility needs, by making the station multi-functional there are more opportunities for funding as well. They can layout areas for the bays, offices and training meeting space, dispatch hazmat and decon areas are also required. The possibility of using the facility as a shelter should also be explored and portions of the facility could be used for other community functions. The cub scouts formally met at the station as well.

Reuse of the existing site was also discussed. It is possible the creamery may wish to purchase the land the existing station is on. The neighbors expressed some concern regarding future development and would like to make sure noise and lighting were considered in the plans.

Additional site visits will be arranged to look at other facilities.

6. Other business
7. Next meeting date September 27th at 6:30 pm
8. Adjourn

Submitted by Karen Deasy