

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Facilities Committee Meeting

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| Meeting Called By: | Tim Sattler | Date, Time: | 07/06/2015 at 5:00 PM |
| Transcribed By: | Dennis Manning | Place: | Northfield Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 21 Summer Street, Northfield |

Tim called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Present: Committee Members Dennis Allen, Wayne Crowley, Lucinda Hope, Joe Jesseman, Janice Lindbloom, Dennis Manning, Tim Sattler, Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr.

Public Present: None

Public Comment

None heard.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Tim opened with correspondence between himself and Kyle Barker informing the committee he spoke with Kyle bringing him to date where the committee was at and Kyle's reply was he had inspected the facilities and was ready to present a report to the committee at the next stated meeting. No other correspondence was heard.

Tim provided the committee copies of Wayne Crowley's synopsis of the call data provided by Chief Sitar and Joe Jesseman's contribution of the Town of Tilton's previous study which includes call data with respect to locale volume and response times. Dennis Manning offered his synopsis of the overall data, 2010 to present, having assigned districts to those addresses that did not have the data already assigned. Discussion ensued.

Lucinda Hope asked the question if the data was being used to best locate a new fire facility which several members answered in the affirmative. Discussion ensued.

Lucinda also asked if was safe to assume the majority of call data coincided with population concentrations and if it was relevant to assume future needs based upon historical data. Discussion ensued with the focus being on aging trends as much of the call data provided indicates a high percentage of calls servicing the elderly community such as the Veterans home.

Tim contributed that new commercial facilities may increase call numbers as well. Discussion ensued reference Tim's point and how Laconia road incidents are indicated.

Wayne offered that according to the call data, volume concentrations and response times, indicates the Central Street facility is actually the best location for a station. Joe and Dennis Allen offered information as to lot sizes and ownership for the property around that location. Discussion ensued.

The committee discussed types of calls, how emergency vs. non-emergency is determined, etc.

Wayne explained his findings with the Chief's data for the year 2014 only. Dennis Manning clarified how the fire department shifts are set up and that the differences in shift response times are not a

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facilities issue but rather a supervisory/training concern. Wayne's concern is the response time data overall may be skewed by this significant difference. Discussion ensued.

A notable point made by Wayne was that the ambulance will take a patient to their choice of hospital, the significance being overlapping calls and response times.

Dennis Manning raised the issue of manpower and equipment when considering multiple stations and locations reference exponential costs increases to the district. Discussion ensued.

Wayne suggested a thorough review of land available at Center Street and then review additional land that could possibly be purchased. Discussion ensued.

Other possible location ideas were discussed at length.

Janice Lindbloom offered concern about demolition costs as compared to renovation costs. Discussion ensued.

Much discussion ensued reference how the district voters may react to all the scenarios discussed at this point.

Tim provided the committee with a rough draft of a press release he would like to submit in the local newspapers reference the committee, its purpose and goals, and solicitation for resident attendance and input. The members were all pleased with the content and blessed Tim going forth with submission.

The committee discussed and established the next meeting date of 20 July 2015.

Minutes

June 8th

Joe moved to accept the minutes, 2nd by Wayne, Lucinda Hope expressed she did not like how she her comments were quoted and after Janice's explanation of what she transcribed Lucinda accepted what was written. Tim also pointed out the percentage of calls transcribed in the minutes, 25%, is inaccurate and should read 45%. Wayne recommended the committee pass the motion and amend the minutes at a later date when the information is verified. Motion carried and minutes were accepted.

Adjournment

Joe moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Lucinda, and passed by all.

Chairman Sattler adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Manning
TNFD Facilities Committee Interim Secretary

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 20 July 2015. Meeting to be held at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield.