

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Facilities Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Tim Sattler	Date, Time:	09/14/2015 at 5:05 PM
Transcribed By:	Dennis Manning	Place:	Northfield Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 21 Summer Street, Northfield

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

Present: Committee Members Dennis Allen, Wayne Crowley, Dennis Manning, Tim Sattler, Janice Lindbloom

Public Present: Paula Benski, David Court

Public Comment

Dave Court commented that he found the meeting very interesting with regard to the facility needs the committee discussed.

Dave also asked where the committee was looking to put a new facility should it come to fruition. Tim explained that the committee has not reached that point considering the size of the facility has yet to be determined, though there are several possible locations that have been discussed, all of which fall close to the central location of call numbers and response times.

Dave asked if the ambulance is a profit center. Dennis Manning clarified that it is a revenue source opposed to a profit center as the District's budget is much higher than the revenue produced.

Old Business

Tim asked if all members had received the minutes for 6 July, 20 July, and 24 Aug and if so how should we go about approving them, separately or together. Wayne replied that they could be approved all at once so long as they are cited individually.

Tim asked for a motion to approve the minutes for 6 July, 20 July, and 24 Aug 2015. So moved by Wayne, 2nd by Dennis Allen, and approved by all.

Tim informed the committee of his correspondence with Chief Sitar in response to his question of "are there any new fire stations locally?" The Chief responded with Pelham and New Hampton.

Tim also informed the committee that he has requested from Owen Wellington any information regarding Fire Station plans that were part of the Life Safety Committee findings.

New Business

Tim moved the discussion to the agenda item, "review space needs as provided by the Fire Department in the Station Needs report."

Wayne mentioned possible properties that may be available per his unofficial solicitation via a realtor.

With apparatus bays being the first item on the report, Dennis Manning offered he believed 16 bays was far too many based on current equipment and future equipment levels.

Wayne asked where and what vehicles would be housed at each of the locations, Park Street and the potential new facility. Much discussion ensued.

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Dennis Allen asked if the Commissioners have ever looked into a cost analysis of privatizing the ambulance service. Discussion ensued and ended as it was not the purpose of this committee.

The committee moved to discussion reference the remaining items on the needs list such as sleeping quarters, gear storage, etc. Discussion ensued with notable emphasis placed on gear storage for 42 firefighters and living areas which includes sleeping, dayroom, kitchen, and dining areas.

Dennis Manning did speak reference the 42 firefighters and why that number is so high as it includes 12 full-time and 20 plus call fire fighters. He would get back to the committee with actual numbers.

Tim opened the discussion to the public in attendance.

Minutes

Minutes for 6 and 20 July, and 24 August were approved under old business.

Adjournment

Chairman Sattler adjourned the meeting at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Manning

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 28 September 2015. Meeting to be held at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield.