

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Facilities Committee Meeting

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| Meeting Called By: | Tim Sattler | Date, Time: | 10/28/2015 at 5:03 PM |
| Transcribed By: | Dennis Manning | Place: | Northfield Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 21 Summer Street, Northfield |

Chairman Sattler called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Present: Committee Members Tim Sattler, Dennis Allen, Dennis Manning, Wayne Crowley, Lucinda "Cindy" Hope, Joe Jesseman, Chief Sitar

Public Present: Paula Benski

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

Tim asked for motion to bring minutes of 14 October to the floor for discussion.

New Business

Tim moved the discussion to new business stating he has received no correspondence and asked if anyone else had.

Wayne stated he received fire station plans from New Hampton and Pelham.

Tim described the Pelham station which as recommended by Chief Sitar to visit as it accommodates a similar size full-time force and call data. He asked Wayne to describe the plans as well as the visit attended by Wayne, Tim, and Lucinda. Discussion ensued with notable topics being a single floor design, structure material, and demographics.

Wayne mentioned other stations visited included New Hampton, Bridgewater, and Canterbury Fire Stations. Discussion ensued with regard to full-time forces opposed to call departments as compared to facility designs, available equipment, and services offered.

Wayne presented a slide show of pictures taken at each of the locations for the benefit of the committee and to facilitate discussion reference facility needs and functionality.

Much discussion ensued concerning equipment bays specifically reference door types and sizes, heating systems and the pros and cons of the various types with regard to heat loss and recovery.

When discussion ensued reference sleeping quarters, Chief Sitar emphasized his desire to accommodate student fire fighters. His logic is the benefit of additional manpower resources at no cost other than room and board. Our district has the benefit of a local fire science program at Lakes Region Community College making fire fighter interns available, again for the additional manpower and vetting process for potential new hires.

Chief Sitar also mentioned his desire for a hose tower. Discussion ensued. Dennis Manning recommended the tower be planned as a future addition opposed to with the initial design.

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The committee discussed voter input and likely outcome with regard to each item on the needs list regarding cost and what may be viewed as extravagant opposed to a real need.

Tim asked Dennis Manning for an update concerning the Commissioner's thoughts with regard to using the consulting fees to contract a buyer's agent for a land search. Discussion ensued.

The committee moved into discussion of possible locations and the pros and cons of said locations. The focus of location discussion involved signal lights, response times, sight lines for ingress and egress of emergency vehicles, etc.

Cindy mentioned her concern that none of the facilities visited appeared to have appropriate living quarters that would accommodate future female firefighters.

The committee discussed replacing Janice Lindbloom and offering the position to Paula Benski as a Northfield representative on the committee. Discussion ensued.

The next meeting date was set for 11 November.

Cindy Hope moved to adjourn, 2nd by Joe Jesseman, approved by all.

Minutes

The minutes for 14 October 2015 were brought to the floor for discussion. Joe Jesseman moved to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Wayne Crowley, and approved by all.

Adjournment

Chairman Sattler adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Manning
TNFD Facilities Committee Interim Secretary

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: Wednesday, 1 Nov 2015. Meeting to be held at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield.