

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Facilities Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Tim Sattler	Date, Time:	11/30/2015 at 5:00 PM
Transcribed By:	Dennis Manning	Place:	Northfield Town Hall, Upstairs Meeting Room, 21 Summer Street, Northfield

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

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

Public Present: None

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

Tim Sattler mentioned the committee is still looking for a secretary as Dennis Manning has been unable to complete them for the past two meetings.

Tim asked Dennis Manning for an update reference the Commissioner's decision on contracting a realtor to represent the committee/commission in a property search for potential station locations. Dennis' response was that the commission would like Greg Peverly to present a contract at the next commissioner's meeting for consideration. Wayne Crowley stated he would inform Greg of the commissioner's wishes. Cindy expressed concerns as to whether realtor services needed to go out to bid.

The committee discussed at length what would be expected of the building consultant's needs with respect to land versus station designs.

Tim moved the committee from the aforementioned discussion, as it was exhausted, to new business and other potential locations.

New Business

Paula Benski is attending her first meeting as a committee member as approved by the commission to replace Janice Lindbloom as a Northfield representative.

Tim opened the discussion to new locations where Cindy Hope asked if the realtor was looking at other options. Dennis Manning mentioned that the J Jill location was on the market. Wayne Crowley voiced the property was not an option due to location. Dennis again voiced that response times are more fluid that fact which should also be considered. Much discussion ensued with regard to travel times moving East from Center Street opposed to West from Exit 20.

Paula Benski asked about GIS data availability, specifically data relating to call locations, response times, etc. which she was informed we have all the data that she could review.

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Dennis Manning voiced his concerns with “appeasing” Northfield voters as opposed to finding an objective solution to station needs as much discussion and ideas are scrapped for no other reason than what the voters may accept or not. Discussion ensued.

Chief Sitar and Paula Benski voiced that every option discussed needs to be brought to the public’s attention with educating them on said options being paramount.

The committee discussed the negative issues with the Center Street facility and the dilemma posed geographically with placing a station within the Tilton Village.

Chief Sitar mentioned ideally two full-time facilities would be in the district’s best interest being that the population and calls would likely increase in the next ten or twenty years. He also mentioned talks about regionalization in the future where towns would complement each other’s needs with a more diversity in equipment.

Paula asked if the committee was somewhat stalled with identifying a location.

Tim moved the committee to discussing space needs and identifying square footage by item. Chief Sitar mentioned he believes more than the agreed upon bays would be needed to house all of the current equipment such as the utility vehicles, Car 1, and the fire prevention trailer. Discussion ensued.

Dennis voiced his concerns with making space in a full-time heated facility for such things as the trailer especially considering there would be a net gain of 5 bays. Discussion ensued.

Paula Benski mentioned that trying to sell a building with growth room opposed to expansion may be counter intuitive to getting public approval. Dennis spoke about separate cold storage garage for the trailer, forestry equipment, utility vehicles, and car 1.

Chief Sitar also mentioned the antique “Hand Tub” that currently resides at AutoServ until a new station is built. Discussion ensued.

More discussion ensued regarding space needs with notable items being mezzanine location and storage, additional lavatories in the bays, conference rooms, fitness room, and personnel office space.

Tim asked to set up the next meeting after the commissioner’s meeting where a contract will hopefully have been obtained with a realtor. Discussion ensued. 14 December was decided upon.

Paula agreed to take on the position of Secretary

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

Minutes

None.

Adjournment

Chairman Sattler adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Manning
TNFD Facilities Committee Interim Secretary

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: Monday, 14 Dec 2015. Meeting to be held at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield.