

**Tilton – Northfield Fire & EMS District
Public Hearing
October 19, 2016**

Replacement of the Center Street Fire Station

Commissioners in Attendance: Paul Blaisdell, Dennis Manning, Paul Auger

Facility Committee Members in Attendance: Timothy Sattler Chair, Wayne Crowley, Dennis Allen, Joe Jesseman, Cindy Hope, Paula Benski

Commissioner Manning opens the meeting at 7:00pm, stating that the current Center Street station has served us well for about 150 years. Looking through the History of Tilton book and looking at the station is pretty much the same as it was when we had the two engines that were pulled by horses which took 50 men to run. These days we pay for bigger engines rather than 50 men. That's part of the reason why we are looking at this antiquated building. We are here tonight because a majority of the voters agree that we need a new station. Last district meeting it was voted to appropriate the money to do this study, and the research to a certain extent.

Commissioner Manning introduces Timothy Sattler, Chair of the Fire Facilities Committee

Tim Sattler opens a presentation, at the 2015 district meeting the voters approved funding to hire a fire station consultant to work with the district in developing a plan for the facilities. The Commissioners hired Kyle Barker of Warren Street Architects out of Concord and they formed the Facilities Committee. Committee has been meeting twice a month for the past year and a half. The goal is to bring a comprehensive plan to the district that best addresses both our needs now and into the future that is affordable at its inception and every year after. Enhances the service needs of the community and maintains the professionalism and responsiveness that we have come to expect of the Fire Department. As the committee moved forward with the process it was clear that there are no obvious or easy solutions to our needs.

Tim opens up a slide show of the options they have which outlines the location, the various facility options. At this time they do not have a specific proposal they want to present, just a few options they'd like to discuss.

The options were broken down into three categories.

Option 1 – Build a new station on land within the Village District and maintain Park St as a garage.

Option 2A – Build new main station east of exit 20, upgrade Part St into a manned substation.

Option 2B – Upgrade Park St to main station, build a new manned substation east of exit 20.

Each option broke out the difference in estimated costs, tax impact, pros and cons.

Tim Sattler closed the slideshow and opened the session for public input, adding that the committee has been in discussion with some land owners and so far the costs have been very reasonable.

Members of the public discussed the different options, the impact on the property taxes, and possible other options to look into.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm