

TNFD 2019 Fire Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called By: Jon Cilley
Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Date, Time: June 18, 2019, 6:30 PM
Place: Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting
Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton

Jon Cilley called the meeting to order at 6:25PM.

Present:

Kaitlin Lounsbury, Fire Commissioner Jon Cilley, Kevin Waldron, Bob Petrin, Lisa Martin, Tom Beaulieu, and Tim Ames

Minutes

Kevin Waldron moved to accept meeting minutes from June 11, 2019. Tom Beaulieu seconded motion. Lisa Martin asked for clarification of the four options the commissioners had outlined for them to consider. Discussion ensued. Waldron noted that there were incorrect names and dates in the minutes. There being no more discussion, vote was taken. Motion failed.

Kaitlin Lounsbury made a motion to table the minutes till the next meeting for revision, Martin seconded the motion. There being no more discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business: Station Tour

Beaulieu asked if any measurements were taken between the trucks. Cilley replied that he didn't believe so but they did open the vehicle doors and there appeared to be approximately 1.5 feet between them. Though you could squeeze through, it would require closing a door to pass through with equipment. Discussion ensued.

Waldron reminded the committee that there were issues north facing wall being flimsy with the garage doors in it. Waldron suggested cutting the number of doors from four 12-foot doors to three 14-foot doors to help with the stability. Lisa Martin commented that something like that could add significant cost to the project. Also noting that she believed the best course of action would be to remove the current building and start new, but that voters most likely wouldn't agree. Discussion ensued.

Martin recommended having an architect see if it would be feasible to maintain the current building at Park Street and build an additional building beside it to accommodate the administrative and living quarters as well as any additional garage space, and what the cost for that may be.

Single Station at Park Street Pros & Cons

PRO:

- Procedurally better to have equipment all at one location
- Cost of keeping building versus building new
- Already own the property

- Utilities already ran/connected
- Morale/comradery
- Wouldn't need to install lights to stop traffic, so trucks can leave for an emergency
- Relatively central in the district

CON:

- Trench drains are a tripping hazard due to cracked/patched concrete
- Using current building for administration or living space would change use
- Remodeling for other use could cost 4-5 times more than building new
- Line would need to be upgraded for sprinklers
- May not be able to sprinkle current garage as stands
- Increases response to East Tilton
- Remove old septic tank
- New cell tower – Conflict of placement and access to it

Questions

- Would the cell tower require a fall range in the event that it fell over?
- Are there any health risks to living/working in close range to this tower?
- Would there be enough space remaining to accommodate the parking needs?

Cilley asked Tim Ames for his opinion of the single station at Park St. and what the needs and wants may be as a career member of the department. Ames stated that he feels it would be good to have all the apparatus and personnel in one place, which would also allow for more interaction with the call members. Though the con being in the future as the district grows, being in one location may not address the needs of the district. Discussion ensued.

Martin stated that whatever plan they recommend needs to be something that not only works for the department but something the district will vote in favor of.

Adjournment

Petrin made a motion to adjourn. Lounsbury seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin
Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 06/25/18 at 5:30PM. Meeting to be held at Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton