

TNFD 2019 Fire Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called By: Jon Cilley
Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Date, Time: September 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Place: Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting
Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton

Cilley called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Present

Fire Commissioner Jon Cilley, Kevin Waldron, Paul Blaisdell, Lisa Martin, Tim Ames, Kevin Cate, Kaitlin Lounsbury, and Tod Odell

Minutes

Cate makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Waldron noted that there were not enough voting members present from either meeting for a quorum and the minutes from both 8/27/19 and 9/9/19 were tabled till the next meeting.

Old Business

Kyle Barker Update: No new information.

Site Survey Update: No new information.

Station Report to Commissioners: Cilley stated that the Commissioners will be working on a timeline for the Committee to have information to them before public meetings.

Agenda: Blaisdell informs Cilley that at the previous meeting they had discussed having an agenda for each meeting and the agenda is to be distributed to the committee prior to the meeting.

New Business

Charges from the commissioners:

1. Evaluate the viability of using Park Street as a headquarters single station.
2. Evaluate using Park Street as a headquarters and adding a substation elsewhere in the District.
3. Evaluate having a headquarters elsewhere in the District and use Park Street as a substation.
4. Evaluate the usability of the station and land at Center Street.
5. Additionally, they are to look at the impacts of a student program and future additional firefighters.
 - Waldron asked Cilley how this charge came about. Cilley replied that it came to the Commissioners from the Chief to have the committee consider these spaces to avoid outgrowing the building before its built. Blaisdell stated he believed that it is something for the architect to answer, not the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Report: Blaisdell suggested that they look at the report from the previous Committee to get information for their report rather than starting from scratch. Discussion ensued.

Charge #1: Single station at Park Street: Cate states that they cannot fully cover this first item without a definite number of square feet. Waldron replied that Kyle Barker had given the Committee a number or 11,000 Square feet. Discussion ensued.

Blaisdell states that setting the size aside, the Committee needs to answer how they feel about a single station headquarters located at Park Street. Extensive discussion continues regarding pros & cons of Park Street.

PARK STREET FIRE STATION – ONE LOCATION HEADQUARTERS

Pros

Lowest cost/District owns property

Utilities exist

Infrastructure exists -Cost savings in existing utilities (electric, water, sewer) already connected to site

One place work location (Worker camaraderie, No duplicity of systems)

Traffic light does not appear to be required at this location vs. high traffic areas

Location is the center of district

One station has the advantage of efficiency with gear location

Property is close to the geographic center of the district

Possible public perceived value of Park Street

Response time will decrease for the Northfield calls

Cons

Traffic light might be required at this location in future – needs study?

Response time will increase for the East District calls vs from Center Street (current)

One station anywhere may not serve future needs

Geographic location may not be closest to the most calls now or in the future

Tower reduced useable land

Public awareness: Cate noted that Police Chief Cormier seemed to receive more support for a new police station than Chief Sitar has for the fire department. Cilley stated that the fire department is getting out into the community more at events. Ames replied that they have done these events all along. Blaisdell questioned where the community disconnect is and why the department is not getting noticed. Cate suggested an open house at Park St. Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Cilley adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Joslin

Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 10/08/19 at 5:30PM. Meeting to be held at Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton