

FIRE STATION STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 18, 2011

Approved June 1, 2011

Present were Jane Bradstreet, Dan Coen, Lester Cressy, Tom Krzyzaniak, and John Pianka. Jason LaCoomb was absent due to death in family.

Invited members of the Hopkinton Fire Department present were Chris Boudette, Kevin Culpon, Tim Hilton, Nate Martel, Sean Weldon, and Jeff Yale.

Robert Dapice was the only member of the public present.

Chairman Coen called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

Next item was to have the members of the Fire Dept. tell the committee any concerns and suggestions about the present fire station, and if they felt it could be renovated, added on to, or if a completely new building would be better.

Sean Weldon was concerned with the critters and bugs coming from the river during summer months, also the size of the meeting room and storage area.

Tim Hilton was concerned with the sleeping quarters, and security of ambulance supplies.

Nate Martell was concerned with the meeting/training room, and security of equipment and supplies.

Jeff Yale would like to see the station renovated, with more room for meetings, training and equipment. He also feels the Rescue Squad will someday be combined with the Fire Dept. and more room will be needed for that.

Chris Boudette agreed with all of the above, adding that the building should probably be replaced.

Kevin Culpon was concerned with the security of the present station, and also with the lack of space in the meeting and training room.

All of them felt that whatever was done, the building should be in the same location, whether renovated or rebuilt. After some discussion of other possible sights, they agreed that if a new building were to be built, it would be more practical to relocate it.

It was agreed that a complete plan of the building must be done, and a plan to sell it to the taxpayers, before bringing it to Town Meeting.

The members of the Fire Department left at 8:15PM.

Jane reported on her meeting with The Fire Marshall. He said that volunteer fire departments might not be feasible in the future. He also said that any Federal funding for this project would be limited.

She also reported that Hopkinton has a very high rating for insurance purposes. She is going to

check with insurance companies to see if location of station would change that.

Lester reported that there were not any lots of town owned land other than the Public Works land that would be suitable for a new building. Any other suitable sites are in conservation. There is a parcel on Rt 103 for sale at this time that might be a suitable location. Discussion followed about relocating the station to any other site.

Dan asked how many could go visit Fire Stations in Epping and Brentwood next Wednesday. Tom, John, and Dan can definitely go, Jane may be able to. They will be meeting at the Contoocook fire station at 1:00 PM Wednesday May 25.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

These minutes were prepared by Lester Cressy, and are not official until reviewed and accepted at our next meeting.