

FIRE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING COMMITTEE

April 21st, 2022
6:00 pm

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Members in attendance: Chair D. Rudge, Vice Chair/ Secretary R. Hamilton, B. Gasco, P. Concemi, M. Mann, S. Piscitelli.

Guests in attendance: Town Manager Sean Hendricks; Deputy Chief S. Kosiba, Asst. Chief R. Silver, Asst. Chief M. Strom, Asst. Chief J. Cadrin (Board of Fire Engineers, in addition to Chief Gasco); Joe Sullivan and Aditya Modi (CHA Consultants); Angela Campbell (Context Architects)

PUBLIC FORUM: *Angela Campbell from Context Architects* gave a presentation with an overview of the project. She started with the site plan and explained the details of the project and the exterior sections of the building. She then showed the first-floor plan and described the apparatus bays, watch room and administrative offices. She also explained the public access, the living quarters for future full-time personnel and the training room. She then showed the outside rendering of the building and explained the layout. In answer to a question from Rick Bedard if it would be LEED certified, she explained how to meet the current building code it would meet those criteria however there would be a lot of expense added to actually get it certified. In answer to a question from Jeff Dore if it would be solar ready, she stated it would be.

Joe Sullivan from CHA Consultants explained the bids have been received and are being evaluated to be sure they all met the standards. They are solidifying the budget and should have a solid number within 7 days.

Building Committee member Rich Hamilton explained the critical need for a building and the history behind it. In 1945 the state ordered the town to move the fire apparatus out of the old Town Hall in the center due to workers getting sick. The fire station project didn't receive sufficient funds and many items were eliminated from the building project including the basement and finishing the second floor. After the Town Hall burned, the second floor of the fire station was finished off and all the offices operated out of there until a new Town Hall was built. The building now has structural issues and there is an urgent need to build a new building. The proposed site is town owned land and it maintains the needed response times to meet NFPA and ISO standards. The existing lot is too small to expand the building to the needed space and the cost of repair is extreme. In answer to a question from Jeff Dore about a location for the Firefighter's Memorial, Rich explained there is a spot designated near the office entrance on Waters Street that would ultimately result in a memorial on each corner of the intersection.

Town Manager Sean Hendricks explained the property deed. There was talk that the property was deeded to the town with a restriction of only using it for educational purposes. He has the deeds and the original deed from Asa Waters to Millbury Academy (a private for-profit school) stated they could only use it for education and would have to return the property if that stopped. They went bankrupt, and returned the land to Asa Waters. Asa Waters later sold the property to the town with no restrictions.

Rick Bedard, the school business manager, felt this was a good location as it is central to the three schools and would have good response times.

In answer to a question from Rick Bedard, it was explained there is no plans for a traffic signal be added.

In answer to a question, the fire horn on the existing station will be moved to the new station.




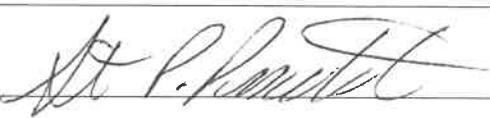

Minutes were reviewed and accepted from March 30th; motion by Brian seconded by Steve: unanimous

Town Meeting: May 3rd, 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Steve seconded by Brian: Unanimous.

Adjourned 6:30 pm

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