

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Bruce Seely, Chair

Present: Bruce Maxham, Josh Maxham, Steve Tarleton, Sr., and Nancy Robinson

No additions or changes to agenda

Josh moved to accept the minutes of January 28, 2020 as written. Steve seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: None

Josh reported that several local residents attended the open house held on February 8th from 9-12 with positive feedback.

Josh and Bruce are working on updating the presentation for the information hearing scheduled for February 25, 2020 at the Grange Hall at 6:30 pm which is a requirement for the bond vote. Will ask Selectboard Chair to open hearing with an introductory statement of project.

Josh has spoken with both the Killington and Woodstock Fire Chiefs regarding contracts for fire protection service should Bridgewater ever not have a fire department. Killington could not take on Bridgewater as they do not have enough manpower. Woodstock might be interested in taking on Bridgewater but did not have immediate financial data.

Jerry Oppenheimer has updated the interactive worksheet with proposed fiscal year 21 budget numbers and estimated tax rate to calculate each homeowners tax increase for the new fire station.

Bruce S. is going to ask Ralph of NBF to update the site plan for the informational hearing. Bruce S. is drafting a one-page letter explaining the proposed new fire station explaining the need and financial impact. Will have the drawing/site plan on the back. Goal is to send letter to all property owners/taxpayers. Letter to be in mail within the next week. Nancy will work on getting labels.

Next regular meeting would be on February 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Members will be at informational hearing at Grange Hall at 6:30 pm. Next meeting will be scheduled for March 10, 2020 unless a meeting is needed before that date.

Bond vote for fire station will be on March 3, 2020, polls will be open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Nancy will let committee members know of results of vote either that evening or the next morning.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Robinson, Clerk