

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
FIRE STATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020
Draft

Meeting was held by conference call.

Present: Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham & Bruce Maxham,
Nancy Robinson, Clerk

Scheduled visitors: Brian Bontrager, BACF & Robert Buchan

Bruce S. brought the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Additions/changed to agenda: none

Josh moved to accept the minutes of August 4, 2020 as written. Bruce M. seconded the motion and motion carried.

Josh moved to accept the minutes of Special Meeting held on August 17, 2020. Bruce M. seconded the motion and motion carried.

Committee members discussed with Brian and Robert the proposed sharing of the water storage tank and pump for the sprinkler system. BACF have been working with Fire Tech to get information regarding approx. gallons for storage tank; 23,000-25,000. Still awaiting final numbers when attic area is factored in. Robert also explained that BACF is applying for grants, some of which include expense of water system. If grants are not awarded or money is needed before grants are awarded, BACF does have cash on hand to pay their share of the expense.

Bruce S. explained that the Fire Station Committee had to put items out to bid as required by the town's purchasing policy, so some items may be duplicates due to avenues that each group has to take. Agreed that sharing costs, regardless of size of tank or pump will ultimately save the town money.

Tank and pump will be located in the fire station as this makes the most sense to do when the foundation is being poured. If tank and pump were located between the buildings, would have to be either be inground or in a separately built building. Excavation for water line can be done at same time as foundation.

Committee hopes to have system design by end of October.

Discussion of sharing future costs such as inspections, maintenance etc. will be shared 50/50 and can be reviewed in the future.

Fire Station committee would like to keep green space between buildings. Well drilled for fire station may be best situation for town office building to hook onto. Will discuss with Selectboard.

Committee has received a draft contract from NBF for \$85,900 to move from design to construction phase of project. Will review at next meeting on September 1st. Nancy will add Bruce S. to next Selectboard agenda on September 8th to get board approval.

Bruce S. reported to committee that the Selectboard had approved a contract with Otter Creek Engineering to complete Phase II of the engineering portion of the project. Bruce S, Josh and Ed will connect with Craig Jewett, OCE to bring him up to speed and discuss next steps; permitting, stormwater, access etc.

Bruce and Josh continue to have weekly phone conversations with Ed, NBF to discuss project movement. Perhaps Craig can participate in the next phone conversation which will be held on Thursday, August 27th.

Nancy reported that she has received 2 resumes from parties interested in the Clerk of the Work's position. Due by September 15th.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm via phone conference call in line.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Nancy Robinson, Clerk