

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
FIRE STATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020
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Meeting was held by conference call.

Present: Bruce Seely, Bruce Maxham, Josh Maxham, Nancy Robinson, Steve Tarleton Sr, George and Melissa Spear, Lisa Putnam and Karen Maxham.

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

First order of business was to re-organize as this is the first meeting of this committee. Josh nominated Bruce Seely as chair. Bruce Maxham 2nd the motion and motion carried. Steve nominated Josh as Vice Chair. Bruce Maxham 2nd the motion and motion carried. Bruce Maxham nominated Nancy as Clerk. Josh 2nd the motion and motion carried.

This committee was approved by the Selectboard on March 24th with a membership of between 5-7 people. Bruce S had suggested that some of the previous members be included on new committee including Nancy as Clerk and Liaison to the board. Committee members would include Bruce Seely, Josh Maxham and Bruce Maxham. At time Bruce S had been speaking with Chris Stevens, a local resident with an electrical background who had expressed an interest on joining the committee. This would make a 5-member committee. Steve Tarleton Sr. expressed that he would like to remain on the committee, making 6 members. Would require a 7th member in order to meet quorum requirements. Steve nominated George Spear to the committee. These names will be given to the Selectboard for committee approval.

Nancy updated the committee on the bond financing. Application has been submitted to the bond bank and is currently under review. Bond Bank Directors will meet in late June or early July to award bond financing. Town will hear by mid to late July at which time closing documents will be signed and money transferred to a third-party account. As town needs funding, it will be drawn from the third-party account.

Bruce and Josh gave a brief account of conversations that they have had with BACF members regarding sharing the tank for the sprinkler system. BACF is ready to move on project while we are not. Both committees are willing to work together on this but we need more input from an engineer to determine who will do the work, where will tank be placed, allocate costs. This committee is not able to do much at this time as we are awaiting funding. May not know some of these details until at least fall.

Bruce M reported that he has been speaking with Wayne Leonard who is interested in becoming the clerk of the works for the fire station project. Josh worked with Wayne on the Rutland Hospital addition and thought that Wayne did a very good job. Will set up a meeting with Wayne to discuss project, scope of responsibility and salary.

Bruce M has phoned another candidate but has not been successful in connecting with this individual.

Discussion of future meeting dates and times. Previous committee met 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month. Can continue to do this if it works for everyone. Today's meeting time of 5:30 pm works so will continue with same time. Next meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 5:30 pm. Next few meetings will be by conference call in, same at today's.

Follow up:

Bruce S. will contact Wayne Leonard to see if he is available to call/meet with committee on June 16th.

Bruce S. will contact Chris Stevens to inquire of his interest of being on the committee.

Josh M. will contact Ralph Nimitz, Architect to bring him up to speed on project and ask if there are any outstanding invoices that have not been paid.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Nancy Robinson, Clerk