

**Emergency Services Building Committee**  
**August 28, 2019**

Committee members present: Skip Dunnell, Rob Leighton, Bernie Porada, Mark Fortier, Andrea Llamas  
Guest: William Murray from Places Assoc.

Overview of report C from Places Associates:

- Anything beyond test dig TH-3 was poor quality – clay.
- Turning radius of apparatus onto School St from the apparatus bays – Poor.
- Zoning issues.
- Storm water quality – control.
- Combined services require 4 acres.
- EMS or Police alone require 1 acre
- Fire Dept. only requires 2 acres minimum.

Discussed lot reconfiguration and splitting public safety services.

General consensus was Fire, EMS and Police wouldn't all fit on the current fire station lot.

Discussion on Northfield Fire & EMS joining with Bernardston Fire at Valley Concrete. Location and response times of volunteer/call personnel was discussed. ISO insurance ratings, legislation for forming fire protection district, allocation of equipment, response times for both towns and acceptance by each town were issues.

Discussion ensued regarding EMS property. Steve Serendynski question the wet lands issue. ZBA would be the first to meet with, then Con Com and Planning.

Wm. Murray stated there was still some money left and his firm could do a preliminary "google" search of the EMS parcel along with an overlay. Motion made, seconded and Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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