

Emergency Services Building Committee meeting on January 23, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 2:30 PM at the EMS building 41 Main St. Northfield

In Attendance: Skip Dunnell, Rob Leighton, Mark Fortier, Chad Glover and Tom Newton.

Guest: Kevin Connolly.

Discussed square footage requirements for Police Dept. Chief Leighton wasn't able to get much info on the Bernardston Police facility. He thought a building the size of the EMS building could work provided there was enough storage space.

Mark Fortier shared the results of the Preliminary Engineered Property Evaluation of the 41 Main St. location with the committee he had done by Southern Vermont Engineering. It showed wetland delineation behind the present garage/office building. Some expansion of the existing building would be feasible but limited.

Chief Dunnell presented the Assessment of Firehouse Structure performed by CHA on the fire station. Loading on the main floor was severely limited due to beam and slab distress showing cracks of the floor slab as well as cracks and movement of the beam structure. There is no present fix to increase loading capacities of the main floor. Recommendation that heavy engines not be placed on this floor and repairs are made to prevent further corrosion and damage to the building.

Chad Glover brought the zoning bylaws as they are applied to the town so the committee would know the restrictions.

The committee discussed the feasibility of the 41 Main St. location to be used as the permanent EMS or Police facility.

Motion made by Mark Fortier and seconded by Tom Newton: The Emergency Services Building Committee move forward with both the renovation of the fire station and possible acquisition of 41 Main St. for use by Public Safety depts. PASSED

Motion made by Mark Fortier and seconded by Rob Leighton: Recommend the Board of Selectmen present an article at the Annual Town meeting to do a preliminary Engineered Property Evaluation of the 93 Main St. location and to have funds to perform site building assessments for any future building options for Public Safety facilities. Amount \$ 2500.00 PASSED

Motion made by Mark Fortier and seconded by Chad Glover: Request the Board of Selectmen present an article for the purchase of property and/or buildings pending appraisal and negotiations for the use of Public Safety Depts. Amount \$150,000 PASSED

Motion made by Tom Newton and seconded by Chad Glover: Request the Selectmen appoint Kevin Gray, Kevin Connolly and David Quinn Jr. to the Emergency Services Building Committee. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted F. M. "Skip Dunnell" III