



New Fire-Rescue Station Feasibility Study Committee

Tom Finan Chair, Alexis Mathison Vice Chair, Mark Ziomek Clerk
Members: Peter Coneen, Ken Heritage, Al Nickerson, Scott Zenke
Geof Deering, Fire-Rescue Chief, Ex-Officio
Ron Collins, Building & Facilities Manager, Ex-Officio

MEETING #10 MINUTES

Will be approved after end of furlough _____

Thursday November 10, 2022 4:00PM Nauset Room Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 4 pm.
2. Public Comment
 - None
3. Approval of the August 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes Approved Zenke/ Heritage 7/0/0
4. Criterion Associates Report – Chief Deering provided an overview of the Analysis of Fire Station Location Alternatives prepared by Criterion Associates at the request of the town. The data used in the report covers the period from January 1, 2017, through August 31, 2022, and was collected from the call center for service requests within the town; out of town service requests were filtered out of the call requests. The analysis of the data was used to determine the best location for a new station. A series of maps showed the distribution of service calls received during the time period as well as expected response time to town locations based on the existing and potential new locations for a station in Orleans. Data analysis was based on national fire safety standards. The analysis confirmed that the most advantageous location for a new Fire-Rescue Facility would be in a location somewhere near the current building. The report will be posted to the town website and information will be presented at the Select Board meeting on November 16, 2022.
5. Tom Finan - Discussion of Kaestle Boos Associates Milestone #1 Report – The highlights of the KBA report will be included in the Select Board packet. The majority of the work was based on locating the new station on the Orleans Elementary School property at 46 Eldredge Park Way. The report concludes with a statement that locating a new station at this site poses a number of challenges and that the town should explore additional options. Ken disagreed with the

statement that all sites had been evaluated as part of the study and recommended that the committee should be permitted to go into executive session to discuss possible sites for further study. Tom reminded the committee that this was not within our purview and that the Select Board would continue its work to identify additional possible locations for a new station. Town Administrator John Kelly reviewed the town's efforts to contact 12 property owners with properties located within the target zone for a new station and reminded the committee that no responses had been received. He also reminded the committee that they did not have authority to speak to property owners. When asked, Mr. Kelly provided a brief overview of the eminent domain process and indicated that this would be a challenging and highly political process for the town. There was a general discussion of the detailed study of space needs for a new 36,000 sf building that was prepared as part of Milestone #1. This information would be used and modified during Milestone #2. Chief Deering noted that while a new building might be larger than those in neighboring towns, each of those stations are now out of space. He also indicated that this information was used to document current and future needs in line with the life of the building. The report will be posted to the town website and information will be presented at the Select Board meeting on November 16, 2022.

- a. Vote to accept the report and submit it to the Select Board 7/0/0.
6. Tom Finan – Tom asked for a committee vote to approve the Select Board presentation which featured a recommendation to the Select Board to furlough the Committee until a feasible building site is acquired. Following a brief discussion indicating frustration that the committee was unable to proceed further with its work, a vote was taken. 7/0/0.
 7. Any other business – none.
 8. Meeting adjourned @ 5:06 pm Zenke/ Mathison 7/0/0

Submitted by Mark Ziomek, Committee Clerk

Post meeting note:

At their 11/16/2022 meeting, the Select Board unanimously approved the following recommendations from the Committee:

- Furlough the New Fire-Rescue Station Feasibility Study Committee
- Select Board acquire a feasible building site, within acceptable response time parameters
- At that time, restart the Fire-Rescue Station Committee