

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 26, 2012
APPROVED**

Present: Jack Petropoulos, Chairman; Jeremy Januskiewicz, Vice Chairman; Mike Bouchard, Clerk; Michael Bouchard; Susan Daly, Ex-Officio; Chief Joe Bosselait, Ex-Officio

Absent: Val Prest; Halsey Platt

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant;

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 10:00am

MINUTES

Ms Daly moved to approve the March 123, 2012 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Bouchard seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

Mr. Petropoulos reported on his recent tour of the Ayer Fire Station. Mr. Petropoulos thought it would be a good idea to educate the public on what fire do and if a tour of the Ayer station could be made available to the public. Ms. Daly agreed there could be a value to the public. Mr. Bouchard thought more outreach was a good thing. Mr. Januskiewicz agreed to conduct two tours for the public. The tours will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm and Saturday, April 14th at 10am. The committee decided that the tour should begin with a brief presentation. Mr. Bouchard stated that the tour should be educational and not the selling of a new station. The group discussed possible pre-tour information.

Mr. Petropoulos asked how the group would like to proceed with the site selection criteria list. In regards to Response Time a presentation will be made at the March 30th meeting to this committee. Acceptability has been monitored and there has been little objections heard for the Trust site. One of the abutters from the last public session had some concerns and the committee needed to make sure we got back to him. Also a recent issue at the Trust site came up regarding the haying of the field and a lease that conducts that work.

Mr. Haddad stated that he would generate a debt schedule for the next meeting. The group discussed the impact on other Town Initiatives. Mr. Petropoulos stated that the Prescott opportunities could go either way if a fire station is placed on or off the site. The group needed to be prepared for the arguments. Mr. Haddad stated that he would work with Ms. Ganem to discuss the Conservation requirements for the Trust site. Mr. Haddad stated that he was waiting to hear back from the Trust people to see if extra land was available. Mr. Haddad reminded the group that two sites have HDC implications.

The Town Vision and how the residents see it is important. Mr. Petropoulos stated that final costs on all the sites need to be considered. Mr. Petropoulos asked about West Groton stations overlap and the questions that will come up regarding this if the station is built on the trust site. Chief Joe mentioned a light on Route 119. Mr. Haddad noted that this would be an added cost. Mr. Petropoulos stated that a traffic management piece needed to be added. Mr. Haddad asked the group when they wanted to present a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Petropoulos stated that presenting a recommendation to the selectmen depended on getting all of the information. The committee discussed if it had time to make a recommendation to the selectmen in time for the warrant.

The group decided a public hearing would be held on April 4th at 7pm. Mr. Haddad stated that he would put the committee on the April 9th Board of Selectmen Agenda and if they were not ready to give a recommendation on a site then the committee can give an update to the Board. Mr. Haddad made it clear that there was no rush and the committee agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bouchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am. Mr. Januskiewicz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Mike Bouchard, Clerk

respectfully *submitted*,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 3-30-12