

**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; Halsey Platt

Absent: Val Prest

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

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

Discussion began with options on the Trust site based on the conceptual plans given by Dore & Whittier. Mr. Haddad reported that he met with Mr. Amaral and needed to wait to hear back to see if the Trust was receptive to acquiring more land on the parcel. If another piece of land is purchased it would eliminate wetland issues (except a wetland crossing to public safety building). However the down side is the increased cost to the land. Mr. Haddad stated that it would be a bad decision to squeeze the building onto the site without acquiring additional land.

Mr. Bouchard commented on call fire fighters having more ways to get to the Trust site property, which is a benefit to the site. Mr. Petropoulos stated that it was hard to measure response time for call members coming into the station and wondered how to answer this question. The committee kicked around ways to determine the time it takes call members to come into the station. Mr. Haddad stated that maybe the committee could get in the ballpark and not have exact times. Chief Joe suggested picking four places in town and to use those points to calculate time into the station. Mr. Platt stated that this calculation is complicated given the multiple people responding from multiple places responding from. Mr. Bouchard stated that the station becomes a cost issues if there is no difference in response time for all three proposed sites. Mr. Petropoulos stated that the committee can answer which site is the easiest to get to by using "outbound response times" as proxies for "inbound response time".

Traffic Management

Mr. Petropoulos stated that the committee needed to look at traffic issues for all three sites. Mr. Platt asked what an alternative to a light would be. Discussion ensued by the group as to what may be needed in terms of a traffic light. Mr. Haddad stated that all three locations needed to be looked at and that a light may be needed. Mr. Januskiewicz stated more information was needed on traffic to determine what kind of light needed, if any. Mr. Platt stated that the site on Farmers Row may not require a light. Ms. Daly suggested running the ladder truck around Farmers Row and merge onto 119 to see if there is a need for a light.

Mr. Haddad distributed debt schedules for a 6 million, 7 million and 7.5 million dollar bond. Mr. Haddad explained how he would like to fund the project under the levy.

The group discussed impact on the Town Initiatives. Mr. Platt stated that any decision has an impact on what the Town does with Prescott. Mr. Petropoulos suggested listing these impacts and considerations. Mr. Haddad stated that bonding out a fire station impacts monies available to pursue future town use at Prescott.

The Group discussed Conservation Requirements. Mr. Haddad stated that there were no conservation issues at Prescott unlike the Trust site and Station Ave. Mr. Haddad stated that conservation issues on all three sites should determine recommendation. Mr. Haddad also noted zoning issues on all three sites, including the HDC. Mr. Petropoulos requested a sheet outlining all Conservation, Zoning and HDC issues on all three sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bouchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Mr. Januskiewicz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Mike Bouchard, Clerk

_____ *respectfully submitted,*
Patrice Garvin

Date Approved: 3-30-12

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager