

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 30, 2012
APPROVED**

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

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant; Don Walter and Alan Brown of Dore and Whittier; Travis Miller.

Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Mr. Petropoulos asked to approve the minutes of March 23, 2012 and March 26, 2012 (1).

Mr. Januskiewicz moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2012 and March 26, 2012 (1). Ms. Daly seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Petropoulos stated that the committee was considering three sites: GELD, Lawrence Trust, Prescott School. Mr. Petropoulos stated that if the Conservation Commission rules against GELD then that leaves the committees without a viable site on Station Ave. Mr. Haddad stated that the Board of Selectmen and GELD were meeting on Monday and he recommended that the committee continue its analysis of Station Ave. Mr. Haddad stated that Station Ave was still a viable option. The Conservation upheld GELD's application under the state wetland laws but denied GELD under the Town by-laws. GELD has 60 days to appeal the Conservation Commissions decision. The appeal could land in court. Mr. Haddad stated that Travis Miller was present to address the response time study.

The Response time study tests current sites with two sub stations. The fact that it is a call department with some full time members is a factor because call members are traveling to the station, effecting response time. The response time study will, based on the station location, will calculate drive times.

Mr. Haddad stated that everyone under one roof will improve the response time no matter where it is located. How the call firefighters get to the station is not as important as how they get there.

Mr. Miller extensively explained the data he gathered on response time and how it was calculated. Mr. Miller is still awaiting further information from the data collected.

Mr. Miller explained how a station best location was determined and a winning site was concluded. The site that calculated the best response time was in the middle of the three proposed sites for the fire station. Mr. Miller noted that three years of call history was used to determine the optimal location. Mr. Haddad noted that any three locations will improve the response time because again they are all under one roof. The original committee had a tier 1 area and this report justifies that area. Mr. Platt was hoping that out of the three sites the response time would have a clear winner. Mr. Haddad stated that now that the response time has been settled the committee can focus on other issues. Mr. Miller stated that he could be at Town Meeting to answer response time questions.

Mr. Brown stated that he was nearly complete with information with site information. Mr. Brown reviewed variable site plans. Mr. Haddad informed the committee that after speaking with the Trust the reaction to various site options was not favorable. Mr. Haddad was working with Trust Members to alleviate concerns. Mr. Brown noted the possible problems with a connection to the current Public Safety Building and then the buildup of the road leading into the Public Safety building is an issue.

Mr. Petropoulos asked about the message that needed to be sent at Town Meeting. Mr. Haddad noted that the current program design would not fit on Station Ave. Changes by the architect could be made. The Architects showed a conceptual plan to the committee. Discussion about a pitch verse flat roof was debated. Chief Joe noted that training can be done on a pitched roof. Mr. Platt was concerned with the use of gables and the ice dams that could be created. Mr. Prest had issues with flat roofs. Mr. Walter stated that a projected cost could be \$375-\$400/square foot.

Mr. Haddad reviewed the approvals the committee would need. A Zoning and Conservation Commission Review with Station Ave being the most difficult; and the other two sites have issues with stormwater . The Conservation Commission requires a plan before issuing a decision. The Lawrence Trust Site may require a bridge over the wetland and a potential sewer extension. Mr. Bouchard and Mr. Januskiewicz thought the GELD site would not work because of the limited size building that could be built.

The committee members had their assignments and the next meeting the group will report out.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bouchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:22am. Mr. Januskiewicz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Mike Bouchard, Clerk

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

Date Approved: 8-20-12