

**BUILDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES APRIL 23, 2012  
APPROVED**

**Present:** Jack Petropoulos, Chairman; Mike Bouchard, Clerk; Michael Bouchard; Halsey Platt; Val Prest; Jeremy Januskiewicz, Vice Chairman

**Absent:** Chief Joe Bosselait, Ex-Officio; Susan Daly, Ex-Officio

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

*Mr. Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 4:36pm*

**Final Report**

Mr. Haddad stated that the final report was online. Mr. Petropoulos noted the flooding implications for the GELD site. Mr. Haddad noted a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Pine recommending to not go forward with the LHT site. Mr. Haddad asked what the committee wanted for handouts at Town Meeting. Mr. Petropoulos addressed the letter from the Pine's and how a response needs to be given. Mr. Haddad was concerned that the previous Fire Station Committee not be disparaged. Mr. Petropoulos felt a reason for the size of the building changing from the Sacred Heart site needed to be answered. Mr. Platt stated that the answer could be that the message from Town Meeting was to obtain more expertise and for the Town to hire experts. Mr. Platt stated the experts come back and stated what the Town needed. Mr. Cunningham noted that if the sacred heart site was rezoned there would have been more room for a larger footprint. Mr. Januskiewicz stated that an accurate size won't come until there are construction drawings. Mr. Haddad stated the process was better because of time and money. Mr. Prest stated that the first go around was not vetted enough and this time it was and the conclusion of what the Town needs is embedded.

Discussion ensued regarding how to present the report to Town Meeting and if it should be requested to continue the Article until the next night to give the public time to review the report. Mr. Prest suggested a mailer. Mr. Petropoulos stated that a mailer would wipe out the argument that not enough information was sent and they did not know about the article. Mr. Haddad stated that he would coordinate the final report being mailed to all residents this week.

Mr. Petropoulos reviewed the options for Town meeting:

1. Go ahead as planned
2. Postpone until a later date
3. Postpone to second night.

The committee discussed all three options. Mr. Prest stated that waiting until the fall means potential costs increases. Mr. Petropoulos stated that delaying a vote until the second night could jeopardize a vote. Mr. Haddad stated that the risk is that people come the first night to hear vote and don't show up the second night. Mr. Petropoulos was concerned that the Town could lose the LHT site if don't wait for second night. MR. Haddad stated the committee needed to express confidence in its recommendation. The group agreed to move forward as planned and to have a mailing go out in the next few days.

Mr. Petropoulos stated that in regards to Response Time and the movement on the LHT site was minimal. However, Mr. Petropoulos asked the Committee if it should be recalculated with the slight movement on the LHT site. Mr. Januskiewicz stated that there was no change from one side of the field to another. Mr. Petropoulos asked to have Mr. Miller recalculate the Response Time for the new location on the LHT site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Bouchard moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm. Ms. Platt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Bouchard, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Garvin  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: Approved 5-18-12