

Tamworth Municipal Building Committee

Draft Minutes – June 17, 2019

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Willie Farnum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Other committee members present were Rebecca Mason, Ron Remick, Andy Fisher and Dana Littlefield. Members absent: Richard Colcord and Jack Waldron.

Also present: Eric Dube, Norm Cloutier, Diane Bowles, Jim Bowles and Zack Remick.

Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2019 meeting – Becky moved to accept minutes as written, Andy seconded, motion carried.

Reports/Discussion – Ron reviewed potential properties that would be large enough to accommodate a municipal building(s) and are centrally located. He divided them into two groups: one group within one mile of Tamworth Village and one group within a mile and a half of the village. About a dozen properties were identified.

Discussion turned to identifying areas of town that have the most emergency calls. Dana reported that, at the present time, most police calls come from the eastern part of town, but that could change depending on where future development occurs. Jim Bowles reported that the fire department records identify calls by district. The district with the most calls includes the area around the village, extending down toward the Brett School. Second and third most calls come from the two districts that cover the Route 16 corridor. Jim produced a pie chart showing emergency calls from all districts.

Discussion turned to pros and cons of having fire and/or police stations closer to the Route 16 corridor. Issues to consider include property insurance rates. A lot depends on how long the town will continue to have satellite fire stations and whether or not the town will switch to a full-time paid fire department. Opinions vary within the committee and attendees. Decided to expand the property search to include properties located closer to Route 16 (e.g. Chocorua Road, Page Hill Road, Depot Street). Discussed the eastern portion of Route 25 but there were some concerns about having it in an extreme corner of town and having to go through West Ossipee to access the Route 16 corridor.

Discussed encumbered properties that could not legally have a municipal building built on them. The Tamworth Conservation Commission has an inventory of protected conservation land in Tamworth.

Action Items

Ron will collect the data discussed during this meeting, expand the search area to the east, and report back at the next meeting.

Jim Bowles, Rich Colcord and Dana Littlefield will supply whatever information they have that will help identify the geographic center of emergency calls in Tamworth.

Chris Conrod will supply a map of all the conservation land in Tamworth.

Next Meeting – Because this meeting was held later in the month and to give Ron enough time to gather and process the information needed, it was agreed to push the meeting one week later. The next meeting will be July 8, 2019, 7:00 pm (19:00) at the Central Fire Station.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Becky moved, Andy seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Secretary to the MBC