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Tamworth Municipal Building Committee

Date | time 5/8/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Rich Colcord

In Attendance

Rich Colcord, Jack Waldron, Norman Cloutier, Rebecca Boyden and Ron Remick.

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended from 04/11/2017.

The first order of business was to review a request from Dan Poirier, who was unable to attend the meeting, to not include the Police Department in the Municipal Building. Dan had made several points why he felt this would not be necessary. After discussion, no-one in attendance would make a motion to act on this with the primary reason being most in attendance wants to wait until after the Police Advisory Committee has presented their study and recommendations to the Selectmen.

The meeting consisted of reviewing a needs assessment from SGT Gregg Cooper, Tamworth Police Department, which also included a sketch of a desirable building layout for the Police side of the building.

Chief Richard Colcord presented a preliminary drawing for the Fire and Rescue side of the building.

The rest of the meeting was discussion and research on property in which the Town of Tamworth already owns. Many plots of land was discussed and this created a need for further research. Ron Remick will head this research and present his findings at the June 12th meeting. Emphasis will be put on property which the Town already owns, Property which a portion may be desirable to be put into conservation land and property which may have a reserve of gravel as the current Town garage site is depleting the reserve of gravel at that site. In other words, we will be seeking a plot of land which will meet our current needs and well into the future, keeping in mind any of the above characteristics will be considered in the best interest of Tamworth in mind.

It was determined that Kyle Barker will not be requested for the June 12th meeting as we still have research to complete. Research that will be completed by the next meeting: Historic call demographics for the Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Police Department over the last year. Estimate of acreage required. Cost savings of Tamworth Fire Department maintaining four Fire stations vs consolidation.

Since the last meeting, I have talked with Melcher and Prescott Insurance agency as they are my policy holder. I mention this prematurely to get the information out to the members of the board because this will impact the potential land locations. By Tamworth Fire Department maintaining four stations, there are no residences in Town greater than five miles from a class "A" pumper. Tamworth currently is rated by ISO as a class 8a. My research revealed that if any residence or business is greater than the five mile radius, the ISO rating would increase to a class 10. A rating of 10 is the least desirable rating. I was told that it would be very difficult to find a carrier to insure any property with a 10 rating. It is my opinion that we must maintain the four station configuration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted: Richard Colcord