Firehouse Study Committee
174 Main Street
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dave Berardis.

Members in Attendance: Dave Beradis, Steve David, Tim Ballantyne and Paul Carlson

Audience of Citizens: Art Thompson

Selectman, Art Thompson asked why the Firehouse Study Committee was spending time on Phase II without spending more time on Phase I. The Committee feels that the Phase I portion is essentially complete, and we are looking at Phase II.

Art strongly recommended someone from the Committee show up regularly at BOS meetings. Even more importantly, joint BOS/BOF meetings. Both of these are televised for broadcast on Comcast, and Art stressed a higher viewership on Sunday nights, and the importance to take advantage of the opportunity to get word out that the Firehouse expansion / construction issue is still under consideration. Give updates to BOS at every meeting, even if the update is just a few minutes. Next joint BOS/BOF meeting is March 22.

Art mentioned that he is strongly in favor of "doing something with the firehouse, whether it is expansion or new construction, or something else… but something needs to be done". He mentioned that he believes the other selectmen are also in favor of it. The selectmen are more strongly in favor of it this time around, and will do more to promote and recommend the idea. Art said he will personally recommend to the community to vote in favor of the firehouse expansion / construction for the next vote.

Art thought that the previous building committee's plans for the first two attempts were very poor, and that by the time the plan for expansion was made public, the plans were already made.

The Committee reviewed two versions of the revised Mission Statement presented by Steve David and Paul Carlson. Paul will consolidate these two versions into one.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectively Submitted,

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Chairman

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