



Firehouse Study Committee
174 Main Street
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by John Kollmer.

Members in Attendance: John Kollmer, Tim Lee, Dave Beradis, Steve David and Paul Carlson

Audience of Citizens: None

The Committee discussed the concerns that Selectman, Art Thompson had mentioned in at our previous meeting. The Committee did not come away from that meeting feeling as if Art or the Board of Selectmen were 100% behind the fire department's intent to expand their firehouse and that our Committee should be focusing more on the Fire Department operations and equipment. It was everyone's opinion that our Committee was commissioned to evaluate the building not the operations of the fire department. Steve David asked if this Committee was going to suggest a multimillion dollar project. Steve expressed his concerns that he feels that this Committee maybe doing a lot of work for nothing considering the state of the economy and the perception the residents of Deep River may have on another attempt at a multimillion dollar project. John Kollmer assured them that the work of the Firehouse Study Committee (FSC) is supported by 1st Selectman, Dick Smith and our work on these reports is essential regardless of the current economy. John reiterated that intent of this Committee is to complete Phase 1 and upon the Board of Selectman's approval, begin Phase 2 with an absolute and nonbiased clean slate approach.

The Committee moved on to finalizing the Phase 1 report with only a few minor changes. John Kollmer will read the reports Summary aloud at the Board of Selectman/Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd. John will also send the Selectman an advance copy via e-mail for their review prior to the meeting. If any questions are asked at the meeting, the FSC member with the most knowledge of the question asked will respond. If an answer is not immediately available, the Committee will obtain the answer and inform the Board of Selectmen as quickly as possible.

15 hard copies of the Phase 1 Report will be made and given to the Board members on Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectively Submitted,

John R. Kollmer
Chairman