



Firehouse Study Committee
174 Main Street
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2011

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

Members in Attendance: John Kollmer, Tim Ballantyne, Tim Lee, Steve David & Paul Carlson

Selectman in Attendance: Richard Smith and Art Thompson

Audience of Citizens: None

The Firehouse Study Committee invited the members of the Board of Selectman to attend this meeting to discuss the next phase of the Committee.

Art Thompson presented the Selectman's outline for Phase 2, outline attached to these minutes. It was recommended that Committee look into all the pros/cons of the building, the location and the Fire Department's requirements and then report to the Board of Selectmen at their regular meetings at least once a month.

John Kollmer pointed out that currently the Deep River Firehouse Study Committee appointed by the Board of Selectman does not meet the charter of four members of the Deep River Fire Department and three members of the general public. We currently have six members and only one is from the general public. Steve David was a past chief of the Deep Rive Fire Department and does not technically qualify as a member from general public on the Committee.

The Committee unanimously decided that in order for our Committee to effectively move on to Phase 2, the Board of Selectman really should appoint two more members from the general public not affiliated in anyway with the Deep River Fire Department. It was also suggested that one of these citizens be a woman. This would allow us to obtain a more non-bias study and report. The Firehouse Study Committee also decided that work on Phase 2 should not be started without the two additional appointed members.

John Kollmer will contact the Selectman with the Committee's request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectively Submitted,

John R. Kollmer
Chairman

Phase 2 of Fire Department Study

****Prior to beginning your Phase 2 study, some attention needs to be devoted to the anticipated annual training hours per firefighter, and any other personnel development programs that the fire department conducts for its members.**

****Based on your Phase 1 Needs Assessment, describe the space that will be required to house the fire department equipment, personnel, and programs.**

****List all options for housing fire department equipment, personnel, and programs. That list may include, **but not be limited to**, the following:**

- Do nothing (West Elm/Union Street and Winthrop stations remain unchanged);
- Renovate/Expand the existing facilities to meet identified space needs'
- Store some existing/future equipment outside of existing facilities;
- Construct a new facility/facilities at a more central location to better serve the community.

****Pros/Cons, Pluses/Minuses, Efficiencies/Deficiencies, Strengths/Weaknesses of each option should be described in detail.**

****Cost, if known or can be reasonably estimated, can be part of the description of each of the options.**

****The committee's Phase 2 report may include their recommendation of the most reasonable choice for this community, along with the rationale/cost of alternatives.**

****In the event of conflicting points of view within the committee, the Phase 2 report should reflect the differing opinions.**

****More frequent progress reports should be presented publicly at Selectmen's meetings**