



Firehouse Study Committee
174 Main Street
Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Special Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by John Kollmer

Members in Attendance: John Kollmer, Tim Lee, Tim Ballantyne, Dave Berardis, Ron Larson & Paul Carlson

Board of Selectman: Dick Smith, David Oliveria & Angus MacDonald

The Committee met with the Board of Selectman (BOS) to discuss finalizing the Report from the Study Committee. Dick Smith wants the Committee to present one recommendation instead of two. The consensus of the Committee and the BOS is to present a recommendation of the following;

- Purchase or acquire the property between Bahr Road and Rt. 80 across from Platwood Park owned by the Blakeslee Family and build a new firehouse.
- Sell the Winthrop Station property and River Street Station and Museum and move all equipment, etc. to new facility.
- After new firehouse is built, demolish the Union Street Station and rebuilt a “residential style” two bay firehouse for two fire trucks, maintain current ISO ratings.

Before the Committee commits to this recommendation, the Committee would like to exhaust all possible options for the Union Street property. The BOS would like hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the Union Street property to see if building a new building next to the old is possible.

Before this study is conducted, the BOS would like a definite answer on whether the Deep River Fire Department, Inc. would allow the feasibility study to include the house/property they own or to be excluded. John Kollmer and Tim Lee will meet with the Department next Wednesday and send the BOS a formal letter with the answer.

The BOS will formally contact the Blakeslee Family to ask them if they would sell the property and will also get resale values on both the Winthrop and River Street Stations.

The Committee will hold another special meeting with the BOS in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kollmer