

Safety Complex & Other Options Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

Approved August 10, 2017

Roll Call: Chairman John Pomer, Walter Holland, Bob Rogers, Mark Chamberlain, Scott Roper, Andy Roeper, Wally Holt and Fire Chief Brian Smith.

Chairman Pomer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Vote: Bob Rogers made a motion, Wally Holt seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Lyndeborough Central School Property, Forest Road

Member Mark Chamberlain presented to the Board conceptual architectural plan that he drew-up utilizing the original plans from the Lyndeborough Central School. He also presented plans of proposed additions to the current Lyndeborough Fire Station and the Police Department on the backside of Citizens' Hall.

The day before this meeting, July 12, 2017, N.H Governor John Sununu signed a bill for all-day kindergarten. This bill could affect the future need of kindergarten space for the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District therefore the LCS building on Forest Road may not be available in the near future.

The Board gathered to review the plans. The discussion included that the current roof design is flat therefore it may need to be replaced. The design has full forward bays.

When asked, Fire Chief Brian Smith felt it is workable plan that makes sense. He commented it is a good space and feasible.

Chairman Pomer asked Chief Smith how he felt about expanding the south side of the present fire station. Chief Smith felt it was still a good spot but the existing building needs a lot of repairs and maintenance. He noted the foundation is on ledge and leaks water. The discussion turned to the roof after Chief Smith mentioned it was a concern. Raising the roof was discussed.

Mark Chamberlain will draw up a conceptual plan for a fire station in the Center. The Board is aware that one disadvantage of a substation in the Center is that personal safety equipment needs will be doubled.

Fire Trucks:

The Board discussed developing a comparison chart to compare custom fire engines to standard fire engines. Due to the expense of custom trucks there could be a faster payback from standard trucks.

Fire Chief Smith mentioned that many of the other town's mutual aid trucks cannot fit in the Lyndeborough Fire Station which is a problem when other fire department's need to cover the station during a fire. He also stated if the future fire station building has standard size bays then the department can consider purchasing used equipment. He added there are not many used custom vehicles available.

Walter Holland brought up the abutting Harwood property, which is currently for sale, and the possibility to purchase the easement. A custom truck could cost \$100,000-\$150,000 more which is about half the cost of Harwood property. The price has been lowered to \$285,000. Wally Holt wondered if the town would pay \$40,000 for the easement and if that would be a fair cost. It was discussed if the easement is on the Harwood deed and if the property is sold could a course of action be to approach the new owners to request purchasing the easement. The town could sell the land after doing a lot-line adjustment for the easement. It was suggested to contact a real estate professional for advice.

Bob Rogers estimated a 1,800 sq. foot building at \$200/sq. foot would cost about \$360,000. The Board decided to use \$300/square foot as the new construction figure.

The Board felt the Gooding property is not a good building site and needs road work.

Andy Roeper asked Chief Smith what are the legal requirements for a substation. For example, if the department puts forestry equipment and other items in a substation in the Center, would that meet the requirement the insurance companies are looking for or does it have to be an on-call station?

Chief Smith replied that insurance companies are mostly concerned about that five-mile radius to a fire station.

Dry Hydrants and Cisterns

Chief Smith reported the fire department is working on the ISO rating for water and hydrants. ISO requested an inventory of equipment and the abutting town's equipment.

Andy Roeper asked about the dry hydrant project. Chief Smith replied the budget line is kept opened but there is no money in it. He noted there are a few dry hydrants on private properties. There are currently eight dry hydrants in town but they are lacking past Mountain Road. The last dry hydrant is at the van Ham property on Mountain Road. Chief Smith said the dry hydrants are seasonal and not good in the winter.

Chief Smith recommended 30,000-40,000 gallons water availability per dry hydrant.

Andy Roeper asked about the need for cistern farms. Chief Smith felt that they can put a plan together to put them in logistical areas. Mr. Roeper asked if they can lay out a plan for 10, 15, 30 years out and possible locations. They could be 4,000-5,000 feet away from the next water source. It was noted that elevation would come into play and they would lose friction to elevation.

Lyndeborough's ISO rating 9 (it goes to 10). Insurance companies would not deny a home insurance if water is not close but there is the possibility the insurance could be higher. The town's ISO rating could drop after submitting the fire equipment inventory.

It was noted that Lyndeborough Town Administrator Russ Boland is a good resource because he was involved with fire safety for New Boston.

Andy Roeper discussed the Swartz's property as a possible location to tap into water and suggested a conversation with the new owners from Texas.

School Superintendent Meeting

Chairman Pomer's met with the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District Superintendent. A document was published that indicated they could move the kindergarten to the Florence Rideout Elementary School in Wilton (FRES). Preschool and afterschool programs are increasing which could happen at LCS and increase revenue for the towns. Population growth has to be taken into consideration. At this point the superintendent could not see giving up the LCS building in the near future.

Action Items:

Wally Holt will have another discussion with abutter Skip Harwood purchasing or releasing the easement on his property for the Lyndeborough Fire Station.

Walter Holland will set up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: Bob Rogers moved, Mark Chamberlain seconded to adjourn at 7:59pm.

The meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Humphreys, Secretary

