

Fire/EMS Building Committee
Agenda Meeting #2
May 27, 2021

Members: Amy Drinkwater, Mike Mazzeo, Carrie Adams, Bobby Coombs, J.T. O'Hare, Jamie Leo, Tony Leo, Kara George

- A. Approve Minutes from 4/15/21
- B. Review new station buildings that Committee members visited and toured.
- C. Discuss the Committee Directive.
- D. Assign tasks for the next meeting.
- E. Set the next meeting date.

Fire/EMS Building Committee

Meeting #1 Minutes

April 15, 2021

Members: Amy Drinkwater, Mike Mazzeo, Carrie Adams, J.T. O'Hare, Jamie Leo, Tony Leo, Bobby Coombs, Kara George

The meeting began at 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

A. Discuss first steps.

- The Committee discussed the existing station building on Knox Street. The structure would not support a second floor being added on. There is little room to expand out as the building is surrounded by other structures on three sides.
- Location of a new station was discussed. Land discussed was the Thomaston Green and the land located across from Booker Street at the end of the Thomaston Mall. Potential locations discussed in past years was the land beside the Academy and the land abutting the Thomaston Green where Doug's Seafood is now located. Direct Route 1 access from the station was determined to be priority.
- The Committee reviewed impacts of a station with multi-floors vs. a station with one floor. A one floor station has a larger footprint. What are the cost differences between a one floor and a multi-floor station?
- There are several new stations throughout Maine in the communities of Hallowell, Cumberland, Farmingdale, Randolph, Yarmouth, Berwick, and Pittston.
- The current Knox Street station had a study completed between 15-20 years ago. A structural assessment is needed on the current building.

B. Discuss job tasks of each member for next meeting.

- The Building Committee members are to contact some of the communities that have new stations to set up a tour. Goals are to discuss the challenges with building new stations, what these communities liked or disliked about the process, and what their recommendations are.
- The Building Committee members are to also list inefficiencies and challenges with the current Knox Street station and compile a list of needs and goals for a new station.
- The Town Manager is going to draft a directive for the Fire/EMS Building Committee for the next meeting.

C. Set next meeting date.

- Thursday, May 27th at 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

**AD-HOC FIRE/EMS BUILDING COMMITTEE
DIRECTIVE 2021**

BACKGROUND:

The Thomaston Fire & EMS Station is 65 years old and first opened for service in 1956. It currently houses one (1) ambulance, one (1) ladder fire truck, and three (3) other fire apparatus. The need is evident for a station that meets specifications to appropriately house modern-day Fire and EMS apparatus and to meet the growing service needs of our community into the future.

MEMBERS:

Members of the Committee include the Ambulance and Fire Chiefs, five members of the Fire/EMS departments, and the Town Manager.

OBJECTIVE:

To develop a recommendation for the Select Board to either renovate and expand the existing station located at 6 Knox Street or to build a new station at a new location. The Committee shall operate until the completion of the Fire/EMS Building project.

GOALS:

- 1) Visit and tour other Maine Fire/EMS stations that were recently built.
- 2) Determine list of facility needs and wants and the estimated project cost for each.
- 3) Guide and recommend final project scope of work, including total budget consideration.
- 4) Conduct a feasibility study that includes:
 - Existing conditions of the 6 Knox Street station.
 - Needs analysis for fire and rescue services in the Thomaston area-presently and in the future.
 - Preliminary design options and alternatives for a new Fire/EMS station.
 - Possible sites for a new station.
 - Preliminary cost analysis and funding alternatives.
- 5) Review the feasibility study results.
- 6) Present and report all findings and recommendations to the Select Board.
- 7) Carry through directives of the Select Board through project planning and design.