

Police/Fire Facility Committee Meeting Notes – APPROVED

August 11, 2015

Present: Jake White, Selectboard rep
Heidi Taylor, Emergency Services rep
Ken March, Fire Chief
Joe Szarejko, Police Chief
Dennis Heberlein, at large member
Chuck Clerici, at large member

Absent: Jim Burke, at large member

Agenda: Review of Charge (10)
Election of Members (10)
Set regular meeting schedule (5)
Review Breadloaf Study (30)
Set agenda for next meeting (5)

Meeting Notes:

- Reviewed charge
- Motion made by Jake White, seconded by Dennis Heberlein to elect Chuck Clerici chair of the committee; vote was unanimous
- Discussion of Breadloaf study, need for new fire equipment & building to house a new ladder truck
- Timeline being driven by construction of new Hermitage Hotel
- Ladder truck needs to be on order at 50% completion of hotel; delivered when the hotel is complete
- \$306k has been committed to the ladder truck by the Hermitage Club; balance is responsibility of the Town of Wilmington
- Approximately \$387k is in the fire department capital account
- Possible we could find a used truck for \$500k +/-; new one is \$750k-\$1MM
- A ladder truck committee has been formed and will meet for the first time 8.11.15; they are researching new and used and lease options
- Discussion of Vergennes, St Albans and Manchester facilities
- Discussion of concerns about a joint facility – space requirements, handling of suspects, witnesses; benefit to combining them is one town vote to move both FD and PD out of the flood plain, economies of scale in construction
- Executive session to discuss two private land owners who may have sites suitable for the new facility; land owners requested confidentiality
- Regular meetings set for 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month
- Next meeting Wednesday August 26, 2015 at 10am in the town meeting room

Respectfully,

Chuck Clerici

Chair, Police/Fire Facility Committee