Lebanon, Maine

SELECT BOARD-FIRE PROJECT MEETING

Town Office Conference Room

Minutes - Meeting

August 9, 2023

Paul Philbrick – Chairman Shelli Boucher – Selectwoman Chief Stefano & 3 Fire Department Members

Great Falls Construction - Joey Smith, Karen James, Julie Curran

MMichael Walsworth - Vice Chair Richard Harlow III – Selectman Kevin Edwards - Selectman

For complete meeting minutes please view the meeting in full at https://www.youtube.com/c/TownofLebanon

6:00 PM

Pledge allegiance and Roll Call

6:05 PM

Vice Chair Walsworth introduced the Great Falls Construction representatives.

Great Falls Construction representatives provided an overview of the proposed design project for the proposed fire station.

Select Board members asked questions in regards to experience doing the requested work, time frame/phases, ground work, building layout, and budgets/numbers

Selectman Harlow addressed the location study that is currently in process

Chief Stefano spoke about response times throughout the Town

Selectman Harlow asked the representatives to address the D.E.P. inspection requirements and the usage of local contractors as subcontractors for the project

Chair Philbrick asked clarification on a statement made by the representatives in regard to "stick" built versus "steel" built

Selectman Edwards forwarded up with questions in regards to grants

Selectman Harlow asked about "soft" costs. Soft costs are in addition to the actual building cost - This includes items such as: utilities, furniture, phones, cameras, telephones

Chief Stefano referred to the installation of solar panels to reduce operational expenses Great Falls Construction presentation ended

7:02 PM

Vice Chair Walsworth provided updated status sheets to the Board - Station 1 Recovery

Housing Solution - Manufactured with a fire sprinkler system

Site work for solution - slab, electric, septic, water, LP tanks, extended roof over side door, cut doorway

Storage trailer - not removed to date. Being offered to a different requester

Office Trailer - Moving the trailer to be included in the RFP

Old Generator - waiting on vendor

Tree removal - on hold

Winterize/Repairs - Repair/replace furnace, repair roof, close off area

Driveway - Waiting for Road Commissioner to provide estimates

Station 2 Winterize two bays:

Discussed closing the station for the winter. No heat

Proposed Station:

Sheridan - presentation August 16

Grants

Selectman Harlow addressed adding CRIPTO Grant

Vehicles

Discussed Ambulance 2

Discussed taking Tanker 7 out of service – final resolution to be determined after the Chief's position is filled

Engine 4 located at Station 1

Website to have apparatus assessment page

Board discussed training room flooding, modular building versus manufactured housing

Selectman Edwards shared with the Board his findings on manufactured housing. 5-year minimal life expectancy, longer if maintained.

Selectman Harlow addressed renovating the current station. Not feasible due to septic system, health issues, no fire sprinkler, roof issues, safety issues, fumes, not practical. Unsafe for employees.

Discussion about fire sprinklers. Dry system, drill additional well, place storage tank inside the housing or place the tank in the Fire Station

Chair Philbrick tasked with scheduling a September 9, 2023 open town meeting and a Budget Committee meeting on August 23, 2023 @ 7:30 pm.

Discussion was held on how to improve the Q & A postings for the public

Vice Chair Walsworth will respond to a news reporter's request for information

8:33 PM

Vice Chair Walsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Edwards. Motion passed 5-0.