

Hanover Fire Station Study Planning Committee

June 16,2020 at 4:00pm Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Roger Leslie, Meaghan Dunn, Vanessa O'Connor, Ruth Lynch, James Browning, John Galluzzo, Lisa Mutchler and Christian Azizian.

Also Present: Chief Jeffrey Blanchard, Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro,

Absent: Donald Buckley, John Barry

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Roger Leslie

Approval Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Galluzzo to approve the *Meeting Minutes* of

February 4, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 28 ,2020

as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mutchler. The motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion of the Following Items:

A. Parcel of Land on Rt. 123

Mrs. Ruth Lynch asked if the issues regarding the land have been settled that the issue was in. Chief Blanchard spoke with Mr. John Buckley at the Plymouth County Land Court. He was told that "things will eventually work out." Thirty-eight of the forty-four heirs have been contacted and there seems to be no interest in the land by the heirs. No property taxes have been paid on this land for over twenty years.

B. Fire Station Visits:

Chief Blanchard has arranged for a visit on Saturday, July 18, 2020 to the Carver Station and the North Plymouth Station. (The date has been changed to July 25, 2020) The Carver station is a headquarters station and the North Plymouth Station is a substation with the same approximate square footage that Hanover is planning (12,00 square feet.)

Approximate cost was about \$7,800,000 when the station was built in North Plymouth.

Several members of the Committee plan on visiting these stations.

Questions regarding the number of bays needed. Mr. Roger Leslie had questions concerning whether two or three drive-through bays will be planned. Chief Blanchard explained the importance of having the third bay as “we plan for not only our current needs, by also for the future.” Mr. Roger Leslie asked exactly what equipment will be housed at the substation.

C. Staffing Needs:

Ruth Lynch questioned the staffing needs at the new substation. Chief Blanchard explained that no additional fire fighters would need to be hired. Current staffing all assigned to the Headquarters Station will be appropriately divided and some fire fighters will be assigned to the new substation.

D. Equipment:

Another member of the Committee questioned equipment needs. Chief Blanchard explained that no new equipment will be needed for a new substation. The Town has a pump engine and an ambulance that could be housed in the new facility as well as other equipment.

Mr. Roger Leslie question if the Town could dispose of Station 1 and Station 3 if a new substation is erected. He stated that it is important that these decisions are made prior to construction.

E. Hanover’s Growth.

The Town of Hanover continues to grow. The number of calls to the fire department also has increased.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>
2000	1500
2010	2,100
2020	3,000

Relying on a neighboring community to aid is unrealistic as surrounding communities have an abundance of calls in their own towns.

F. Meeting with Design Co.

Chief Blanchard will contact Mr. Mark Saccoccio from CDR McGuire Design to arrange a meeting, perhaps during the week of June 22nd. (This has been done and a virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm)

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned 5:05pm

Respectfully Presented by:

Ruth A. Lynch

Ruth A. Lynch, Secretary

