

Hanover Fire Station Study Planning Committee
August 18,2020 at 4:00pm Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Roger Leslie, Meaghan Dunn, Vanessa O'Connor, Ruth Lynch, John Galluzzo, Donald Buckley, Lisa Mutchler

Also Present: Chief Jeffrey Blanchard and Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro

Absent: John Barry, James Browning and Christian Azizian.

Approved Minutes:

Meeting Minutes for June 16th and July 21st were approved.

Discussion of the Following Items:

Chairman Roger Leslie began the meeting asking if anyone wanted to speak about the visit to the Carver and North Plymouth Fire Stations.

Vanessa O'Connor: She thanked Chief Blanchard and Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro for arranging the visits. "It made it easier for me to be able to see the actual space." She also reminded us that John Barry still wants us to visit the property at 59 Old Webster St.

Ruth Lynch: Agreed it would be good for us to see that building.

John Galluzzo: Added that it was good for him to have visited the stations as it enabled him to see what our facility could look like.

Meaghan Dunn: "Even though I was very impressed with the Carver Station, it just may be a bit too luxurious.

Ruth Lynch: Bergan that it was important for us to view the conditions at Station #3 in Hanover. "It was easy to see why with so little area in that station, it was hard to move around. And the bathrooms were in definite need of repairs. She agreed with others that it was valuable to see those stations. She especially liked seeing the areas where the trucks were parked as well as the dining space and areas such as the decomp room.

After concluding the comments regarding the visits, Chairman Leslie reminded the Committee that our role is to clearly show the need for a station in North Hanover.

Chief Blanchard: Displayed graphs showing an increase in calls during the past ten years and at what time during the day calls are most frequent. Discussion then focused on the need to demonstrate to the Board of Selectmen and others, that not only the increase in the number of calls needs to be a concern, but also the increase in traffic in that area over the years, which can directly affect response times. Chief Blanchard continued to remind the Committee of the considerable construction now taking place with new apartments as well as Merchant's Row on Rt. 53. The new Mall will also put additional demands on the fire department.

Chief Blanchard informed the Committee that the vacant, wooded lot on Webster Street across from Hackett's Pond may come into the town's possession soon. The property has been involved in an ongoing case before the land court whereby. Before the town can take possession of the property, the land court has required each member of a large group of heirs to the original owner be contacted; a process which has been ongoing for years. Chief Blanchard was told that this process is moving along.

Plans for a visit to Old Webster St. were then discussed and it was determined that committee members would receive information regarding the exact date and time very shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Presented by:

Ruth A. Lynch

Secretary