

March 12, 2014

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From: Chief Blanchard

Re: Fire Station Sites – Visit with Amy Walkey from Conservation

At approximately 10:45 this date Amy Walkey (Conservation Agent), Deputy Chief Stone and myself visited the 3 sites that the Fire Station Study Committee identified in their findings.

Webster Street. This site is located across the street from Hackett's Pond. The Town does not currently have possession of the site but it is in tax title and should be able to be acquired fairly easily. The site is irregular in shape but there it provides almost 200' of frontage and close to 500' in depth. Two irregular portions jut off of the back of the lot and would be unsuitable for development. There are some wetland concerns associated with this site. Amy said that she felt the site could support a fire station. Percolation testing and engineering studies would need to determine the extent of design that would be required to address storm water, septic, etc. This site is mostly wooded and could be developed as a park.

Curtis School Site – Main Street. This site is rectangular in shape and is almost completely cleared. It is the most ideal site from a conservation standpoint as the land is already "disturbed." It might lend itself to dual usage with a fire station located to the front of the property and a small park to the rear. From a conservation standpoint the site is suited to locate a fire station.

Station 1 – Main Street. Station 1 sits on the site. It is a non-conforming lot so any expansion of the footprint would require an appeal. There are wetland issues along the north boarder (right hand side) of the lot. Septic and storm water engineering concerns.