

Fire Station Aesthetics Meeting August 14, 2012

Present: Lee Wright, Sally Lonegren, Erika Karp, Shelly Jungwirth, Paula Ratchford

Lee Wright brought front and side elevations of the Fire House with small changes to the original plans that all attendees thought really enhanced the building. He kept the roof slope the same, added 2 cosmetic cupolas, modified some window size and added mullions, increased the size of the entrance porch and added pilasters at the porch on the building. He suggested a dark gray or black metal standing seam roof in lieu of asphalt shingle and barn red paint with trim and white doors. It is assumed that the windows would be vinyl. The cost of the window and door changes should be minor. Cost estimates need to be obtained for a metal roof and non functioning cupolas.

Lee mentioned that the Town needs to be mindful of snow fall when choosing plantings adjacent to the building. He also suggested an additional means of egress door at the front corner of the engine bays.

Someone asked storage space could be added on a second floor. Lee said that, with the pre engineered roof trusses, storage space could only be added in the space above the office/ kitchen area and below the roof trusses.

Cost of the building was thought to have been \$138/square foot in the plan drawn up a year ago.

Next steps:

Show and discuss the changes with Jr. Salls, as well as Rod Kerr, Peter Romans, and Mark Schneider.

Ask Jr. whether Labor Day or some day that week would be good for an Open House to show the public why we need a new fire house.

Send Peggy Lipscomb questions and answers for informing the town about the fire house.

Solidify the larger fire house approved by the firemen versus the smaller version.

Go back to the architect with final change requests. Lee offered to talk to the architect with Jr. Salls permission, perhaps at a meeting with Jr. and others in attendance.

Needed before the annual Town Meeting:

Need a real good cost estimate. Bonding will be necessary.

Need to send publicity and "letters to the editor" to the newspaper(s).

Need a good color rendering of the proposed fire house, with pictures of what Cambridge and Johnson did to show that we tried to save money. Consider showing two cost versions - or decide not to. Would be good if Junior could present the site and building plans at the Town Meeting.