

## Fire Station Meeting #2 August 3, 2012

Present: Junior Salls, John Kerr, Peter Romans, Peggy Lipscomb, Erika Karp, Rod Kerr, Shelly Jungwirth, Joe Wood, Paula Ratchford

Fire Chief Junior Salls informed the meeting that he believed there was now \$120,000 in the Town capital budget from past \$30,000 annual appropriations for a new fire house. If confirmed by Valdene Hall and approved by the Town in a town meeting, the money could be used to build the needed fire house water line from the Water District line without the Town having to take out a loan.

The Town will be asked whether it wants to obtain a loan or use the confirmed fire house capital budget to build the needed new water line to it. Towns get better bank rates than individuals.

State and Federal requirements mandate a sprinkler system in the fire house. It is the Water District's responsibility to ensure sufficient water pressure and volume and adherence to State and Federal requirements. Phase I Water District improvements are tentatively slated for the fall. Phase II improvements up Breezy Avenue are tentatively slated for the spring. Although a variance gives us 4 years to add the fire house sprinkler to the Water District's line, it is thought that installation of the Fire House line during Phase II Water District work would be most cost effective.

Official Water District bids are being returned mid August, with construction to begin after Labor Day. Adding a line from the Water District line to the fire house is an addendum to the bid. The Water District wants a firm bid before fall work begins. With the required 30 day meeting warning, a Town vote can not be obtained before mid September. The fire house line work would not actually start before spring and the annual town meeting. Whether to hold a special Town Meeting, which would incur additional staff costs for a day long ballot as well as advertising costs and a shortened public awareness timeframe, will be decided at Wednesday's Town Meeting.

Peggy Lipscomb asked for questions and facts for a Q&A to answer public questions about the Fire House. These are needed to add to the following:

Why do we need a new fire house?

Why does it need to be as large as it is planned to be?

It looks larger because it is a more cost effective 1 story versus 2

We need to be able to house larger fire trucks from other stations when ours are out

Why do we need to extend the water line? A sprinkler system is mandated

How much noise will it make? Less than the current fire house (Jr. Salls)

Aesthetics Questions and facts

Why curved lines versus straight?

Cupola discussion.

The fire house is designed to resemble a barn, in keeping with Town character.