Fire Station Aesthetics Sub Committee Meeting #2 September 4, 2012
Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Junior Salls, Mark Snyder, Lee Wright, Sue Wood, Erika Karp, Paula Ratchford

Lee brought drawings with building length adjusted to planned actual.

Erika is keepig a July 11 Chronicle article about a presentation by the Greensboro fire fighters celebrating the 100th anniversary of the fire house.

Mark Snyder informed the meeting that, if we send them blueprints and mechanicals, Efficiency Vermont will, at no charge, review them and advise us on energy efficient building. An energy efficient building can save upwards of 30% in energy costs. Mark will ask Efficiency Vermont specifically what they need and how long a review would take.

Also noted from an energy standpoint: the fire truck doors will be insulated, open individually, and be able to be opened and closed from the fire trucks. Cosmetic cupolas don't penetrate the roof so they can't create energy loss.

Mark spoke to a metal seam roof supplier and noted: they cost 1/3 more but last twice as long. There would be about a $13,000 difference in cost from lowest to highest quality. A double roll standing seam roof would be more water proof and is recommended.

Parking is on the East Hardwick Street side of the building. An entrance door was purposely not put on the same side as the fire truck doors because the fire fighters don't want people to park on that side. Windows, including those in the fire truck doors, were designed to be able to see whether another fire fighter is arriving when the trucks are about to roll.

Futures could include a pond to fill trucks, an open second floor for storage above the office/kitchen area (an elevator would be required for an enclosed second floor), and solar added to as thermally tight as possible an initial envelope.

Mark offered the following additional questions for Peggy Lipscomb's Q & A request: Is the building green? Is it energy efficient? What are the projected utility costs? Why didn't we use solar or thermal? (A solar option would be best spec'd out after running the building a year).

Junior will get the revised drawings to the architect, who is under contract until the building is complete. He will ask her what she thinks of the cosmetic cupolas, metal seam roof, and changed windows and door and, if approved, ask her, after we meet, to create a rendered (i.e. 2 point) perspective of the building in color with the added changes. A site plan in perspective is also needed. Junior will also see whether the architect is available to meet

9/24; 9/25, preferably PM; or 9/27 AM. It was suggested that the architect might like a professional estimator versus a contractor to estimate costs. Contractor estimates are generally not guaranteed beyond 30 days. The architect might need to meet with the Montpelier/Barre Bond lawyer Valdine has been working with. The Town meeting will likely be an Australian ballot vote with no discussion, so earlier public information meetings, some with architect, will be necessary.
David Lawes of Barton is our civil engineer.

Erika will ask Kristen Leahy what is needed to get the cupola height approved.

It was stated that a budget is needed by the end of December.

A Q & A list needs to be developed and a complete schedule needs to be made.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Ratchford.