

Fire Department Facilities Review Committee
3rd Meeting Minutes – Tour of Fire Station located on Killington Road
January 12, 2015 held at Town Hall @ 7:00pm

Committee Attendees:

Seth Webb, Killington Town Manager
Chet Hagenbarth, Killington Highway Department
Gary Roth, Killington Fire & Rescue Chief
Steve Finer, Killington Fire & Rescue
Stephen Finneron, Committee member
Vito Rasenas, Committee member
Andrew Salamon, Committee member
Andrea Wegmuth, Committee member

Committee Members Absent:

Otto Iannantuoni

Killington Citizens that attended:

Ron Ottino

Other Attendees:

Alan M. Brown – Dore & Whittier Architects

Meeting overview

- Steve Finneron called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- 2nd meeting minutes of December 17th were reviewed. A revision was required concerning the ownership of the current Fire Station land and Fire Station building. Andrew Salamon will correct and redistribute the revised minutes.
- There was Citizen's input brought forth by committee members:
 - It was brought to the attention of a committee member that taxes are high now and that should be considered going forward by the committee.
 - It was brought to the attention of the of a committee member that if a new building is proposed, then it should have a community room that could be used for multiple venues.
- An aside: Currently 17% of Killington's Tax Bill is for municipal spending. 83% of Killington's Tax Bill is for State Education.
- **3rd Meeting Purpose:** This was an informational meeting. Alan M. Brown from the Dore & Whittier Architects presented the presentation that he presented on September 23, 2014 to the Killington Select Board. This presentation assessed of the current Fire Station and presented alternative solutions to correct current Fire Station issues. These conceptual solutions included diagrams, maps, artist conceptual drawings, and estimated project costs. This entire presentation can be found on the Killington Town Website Home page listed under ***Town Departments | Killington Fire and Rescue | Killington Fire and Rescue Facilities Update Presentation-September 23, 2014.*** <
<http://www.killingtontown.com/vertical/sites/%7BE4345A2E-9636-47A3-9B74->

- **Alan M. Brown's presentation:**

- **Option 1, Capital improvements to existing Fire Station only**

This repair would bring the existing building up to codes [Requires the minimum amount of change to meet ADA (Americans with Disability Act), Building & Life safety code requirements]. It includes building an addition that houses 2 handicap accessible bathrooms (one for each gender), an elevator, and a 2nd egress from the 2nd floor. To make this work, additional land must be purchased and additional traffic lights would have to be installed. Approximately 30% of the renovation can be done before the entire structure would have to meet all codes.

- **Option 1a, Capital improvements to the existing Fire Station + New Apparatus Bay**

In addition to Option 1, Option 1a adds an additional apparatus bay attached to the north side of the existing Fire Station. Option 1a creates a difficult turning radius for large apparatus. The existing site does not lend itself to house a modern fire station. Traffic lights will be needed.

- **Option 2, Renovation Addition with Police on existing site** was not considered by the direction of the Select Board and was not discussed at this meeting,

- **Option 2a, Renovation Addition without Police** on existing site was not considered by the direction of the Select Board and was not discussed at this meeting.

- **Option 3, New Station with Police (3 stories)** on existing site—note: the first 2 stories are for the apparatus bays. To build a new 3 story building with a police station on the south side of the site will require the purchase of additional property. (Feasibility of having enough land for this is questionable because the east boundary of the additional land is a river and the site is in the flood plain. Also and it will require purchasing Killington Market land on the south side of the current lot.)

- **Option 3a, New Station without Police (3 stories)**—same as Option 3 minus the police station.

- Note for Option 3 and 3a—If Options 3 or 3a are selected, then additional costs of housing the Fire Department Equipment somewhere for approximately 1 year.

- **Option 4 (phase 1), New Fire Station at Alternate Site (2 stories)**-Fire house only on another piece of land and allow for expansion.

- **Option 4 (phase 2), New Fire Station + Police Station at Alternate Site(2 stories)**
- **Option 4 (phase 3), New Station at Alternate Site + Police Station + Town Hall (2 stories)**

Note: Parking spaces and storm drains are the defining features for the size of the land parcel.

There were many discussion points during this meeting, evoking healthy and pointed questions and answers. These discussions lead us to our next meeting where the committee with the help of Alan M. Brown from Dore & Whittier Architects, will examine supporting data and supporting costs for Option 4, Phase 1. There are many options for financing that will have to be looked into as the committee proceeds in the next months.

Action items:

Town Manager, Seth Webb will present the current bond costs to committee at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at **6:00pm** at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Salamon, January 15th, 2015.