

Fire Department Facilities Review Committee

1st Meeting Minutes – Organizational Meeting

December 5, 2014

Town Hall, 9:30am

Committee Attendees:

Chet Hagenbarth, Killington Highways & Facilities

Seth Webb, Killington Town Manager

Gary Roth, Killington Fire & Rescue Chief

Andrea Wegmuth, Committee member

Stephen Finneron, Committee member

Vito Rasenas, Committee member

Otto Iannantuoni, Committee member

Andrew Salamon, Committee member

Other Attendees: None

Brief synopses of the topics are listed below.

Seth Webb began our meeting.

- Committee members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their background or position with the Town. All indicated that they are approaching their committee obligations with an open mind in regards to what is needed and best for our town.
- The committee will understand and review all possible solutions to alleviate the overcrowded and out dated facilities that the Killington Fire & Rescue department faces today. Once that is accomplished, the committee will make their recommendation to the Killington Town Select Board. This recommendation will be only for the Fire Department. It will not include provisions for a police station or other municipal buildings in its recommendation.
- Steve Finneron was nominated for and accepted the Committee Chair going forward. Andrew Salamon volunteered to be the committee secretary going forward. Vito Rasenas volunteered to video record our meetings and site visits. Seth Webb will make the minutes and video recordings will be available to the public. Seth and Steve, lead the remaining meeting discussions.
- Seth described the relationship between the Town and the Fire Department. The Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. The Town provides most of Fire Department's annual budget, ~\$425,000. The Fire Department's annual raising is ~\$10,000/year.
- Seth Webb described the rigorous work done the first half of this year with the Fire Department and the Architect to reach the proposals that were presented during July 8, 2014 and September 23, 2014.
- Fire Chief Gary Roth described his organization: The Fire Department's "Line Side" includes 34-37 members, ages 22-67 years old. This includes 27 firemen, several EMTs, and several EMTIs, and a search and rescue team. The Fire Department does not have an ambulance. The Fire Department operates seven various styles of

trucks. When not responding to a call, they are being maintained (required and preventative maintenance) in the fire station for the next call. The Fire Department also has a corporate side that operates as a non-profit. He also described the Fire Department's facilities on Killington Road and on River Road.

- Fire Chief Gary Roth described the types of calls they respond to: Automobile accidents, personal injuries, kitchen fires, chimney fires, house fires, and wilderness rescues.
- Fire Chief Gary Roth described the relationships that are maintain with other adjacent town fire departments through the Rutland County Mutual Aid Association.
- Reimbursement of volunteer firefighters is \$15.00/call. The Fire Station may receive up to three calls/day and night. This covers their expense to and from the event.
- There are no fines or legal actions taken against people that require wilderness recue (i.e. skiers lost in "out of bounds areas). This is a statewide rule.
- The committee asked questions as needed during this meeting. The meeting ended at ~11:15am.

Action items:

Fire Chief Gary Roth will invite the Rutland Fire Chief to our next meeting to discuss his fire department's facilities and operation. He will lead a question and answer session.

Town Manager Seth Webb will post the Town's detailed findings report on the Town's website. This detailed report drove the two Architectural presentations (refurbish existing fire station: build a new fire station).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Fire Station on Killington Road.

Attached is December 5, 2014 agenda.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Salamon, December 5, 2014.



**Fire Department Facilities Committee
Organizational Meeting Agenda
December 5, 2014
Town Office**

1. Introductions
2. Review of Committee's Scope of Work and Purpose
3. Election of a Chair
4. Meeting Agendas/Topics

Possible topics:

- Overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Department
- Review of current facilities and identified limitations
- Review of relevant precedents – similar town's facilities
- Other

Possible Outside speakers/guests

- Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Vermont State Firefighters Associations
- Other Town's Chiefs and/or Managers/Selectboard Members

5. Timeline
6. Next meeting and regular meeting schedule