

Town of Seekonk  
South End Fire Station  
Building Committee

Committee Members Attendance:

David Viera (Chairman)    Michael Bourque (Vice Chairman)    Nicholas Rondeau (Clerk)  
 David Sullivan (Member)    James Tusino (Member)

Other Attendees:

Town Moderator Peter Hoogerzeil

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Meeting Date: 09/29/20      Time: 8:30pm

First Meeting: Moderator Hoogerzeil opened the meeting welcoming all (David Viera, Michael Bourque, Nicholas Rondeau, David Sullivan, James Tusino) as members of the committee.

- ➔ Motion made by Member Bourque, for Member Viera to be elected as Chairman, Seconded by Member Sullivan. Discussion: none. All in favor of motion: (4) Yea, (0) Nay, (1) Abstention
- ➔ Motion made by Chairman Viera, to elect Member Bourque as Vice Chairman, Seconded by Member Tusino. Discussion: None. Vote: All in favor of motion: (4) Yea, (0) Nay, (1) Abstention
- ➔ Motion made by Chairman Viera, to elect Member Rondeau as Clerk/Secretary, Seconded by Member Bourque. Discussion: None. Vote: All in favor of motion: (4) Yea, (0) Nay, (1) Abstention

Discussion of meeting dates: Until further notice we will plan on Thursdays with an agreed date to be set at each prior meeting. The Clerk will post the dates according to Open Meeting Law. Location will be at the Town Hall.

According to the Town Warrant/Minutes June 22, 2020 Spring Town Meeting the mission of this committee by the town Motion under Article 16:

*"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, or any other amount, to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing otherwise: and ask the Town Moderator to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project, or take any other action relative thereto."*

*"Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this*

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*appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Subsection 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received upon the sale of bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, Subsection 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount; and, further, that the Town Moderator is to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project." See Addendum A*

Several thoughts were discussed as possible ideas/concepts from Station2 - Pine St Station among them the concept of adding a single report room for the Police Officers to conduct reports, while also having access to a bathroom in the building.

Member Sullivan suggested to create two lists of necessary aspects of the Fire Station and Communications Center. Once the lists are created a comparison of both lists which will determine the need of the Communications Center and of the Fire Station. These lists will be used by the Committee to determine what can be added to the location due to the size of the lot. It is wide and probably more suited for a fire station only at this time.

Clerk Rondeau mentioned for both concepts, the Fire Station and the Communications Center that we need to plan into the future and not just the present day. We need our plan to last thirty to forty plus years into the future. We need to allow for extra space for our growing Agencies. And with the new possible future situations related to Pandemic and/or Hazardous condition planning.

The Communications Center needs to have NFPA 1221 for Communications/Fire Alarm followed to meet those needs.

Discussion of the removal of the current building at the School St site.  
Need to plan on the new building to be as maintenance free as possible so we don't have problems with the building in the future.

Next meeting was set for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Further discussion of the South End Fire Station and begin a list of Needs and requirements for both agencies.

Next meeting: Date: 10/8/2020      Time: 7:00pm

Topics to include but not limited to:

Discussion of the building requirements and needs of the building and agencies.  
And other discussions necessary for the planning, building, and construction of the South End Fire Station and Communications Center.

# Addendum A

June 22, 2020

## **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$13,000.00 for the purchase of a stump grinder for use by the Public Works Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen

***Moved that the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$13,000.00 the purchase of a stump grinder for use by the Public Works Department, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.***

**Action on the motion: Motion passed**

## **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, or any other amount , to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing otherwise; and ask the Town Moderator to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$425,000.00, to pay for the costs of designing, planning, and engineering for construction of a South End Fire Station on land owned by the Town of Seekonk at 36 School Street, including the payment of all architectural and engineering services, and any other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received upon the sale of bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount; and, further, that the Town Moderator is to establish a five (5) member building committee to facilitate the project.***

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**Action on the motion: Motion passed with the 2/3 required vote**