

Town of Seekonk  
South End Fire Station  
Building Committee

Committee Members Attendance:

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

Other Attendees: Fire Chief S. Lowery

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Meeting Date: 11/4/2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Open meeting:

Motion to call the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm, made by: Chairman Tusino; Seconded by: Member Sullivan:

Roll Call Vote:

All in favor. Sullivan= Yes, Tusino= Yes, Elmasian= Yes, Rondeau= Yes, Bourque= Yes.

1.) Receive any updates on the OPM status.

- a. Chairman Tusino communicated with Town Administrator via email and the communication in return was that we have a status of first choice Pomroy Associates price was too high the second choice of CGA was looked into, and the price was even higher than the first choice. The determination is trying to be made where to go from here.
- b. Elmasian: Asked if response time study from the School St. location has been done. A study was done during the Study Committee numbers were obtained. Unknown if any additional studies have been done since the Study Committee obtained the results of the study.
- c. What an OPM should cost which was looked at after the Feb. 25, 2021, meeting the price proposals were opened by the Town Administrator after permission from the Board of Selectmen to enter, into negotiation. The First choice by this Committee was Pomroy Associates and the price was determined high. The second price point was obtained from CGA and viewed by the Town Administrator and now waiting to here on a status.
- d. Elmasian: Ask Chief Lowery, what are your needs and thoughts for this station and building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rescue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Engine, build bigger what are your thoughts? North station has an Engine and Rescue. We do need more space for apparatus to grow for the future. Chief Lowery said she has been thinking about it. She was just appointed and still trying to learn the position. At this point wants to try and keep the future open for space and options.
- e. Committee has mentioned to either present an update at the November Town meeting or at a Selectmen Meeting. It was determined to communicate to the Board of Selectmen with an update and to state with the new member of the committee and the new Fire Chief we need to find out the status of the OPM and the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen and request to determine the next meeting. Decided to provide at Town Meeting a generic update adding the committee has a new member, a new Fire Chief, the committee heard of the potential for Federal Grants with requirements and timeline, and also a request has been forwarded to be on the Board of Selectmen's next meeting agenda.

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- 2.) Continue with any updates with members of the committee.
- 3.) Continued discussion of next steps.
- 4.) Discuss next meeting dates.
  - a. None until an OPM has been entered into a contract with.
- 5.) Vote to approve Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2021, October 7, 2021.
  - a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 25, 2021 and October 7, 2021 as presented. Made by: Sullivan Seconded by: Bourque
    - i. Roll Call Vote: Sullivan= Yes, Tusino= Yes, Elmasian= Yes, Rondeau= Yes

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00pm All in favor say Yes.