

MINUTES

Of the July 13, 2009 meeting of the Tuftonboro Public Safety Facilities Committee, at the Old Town House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Lapolla.

Present: Members: Eaton, Evans, Frago, Knapp, Lapolla, and Young

Absent: None

Also Present: None

The minutes of the June 29, 2009 meeting were moved, seconded and approved.

Betsy Frago reported that we will have Tuftonboro School available for our Public Presentation on July 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Details of those arrangements, things we will need, setup, etc. were discussed. Members agreed to arrive at 6:00 PM to help with final setup so everything will go smoothly. The meeting handout and non-binding ballot were reviewed and modified. Tom Young will bring 150 copies of each to the meeting.

The previous Selectmen's meeting, at which Chairman Lapolla reported, was discussed. It was also noted that Chief Thompson had previously made the Selectmen aware of a grant program for Fire Stations only. The Selectmen had taken no action, but, with a deadline just a few days away, Chairman Lapolla had asked Fire Chief Thompson to apply. This has been done just ahead of the deadline. Even if we are not eligible at this time, it is a good learning experience, and should get the town notification of future grants available.

Chairman Lapolla will contact Mrs. Pacquette at the "Granite State News" promptly to request an article on our upcoming Public Presentation, with date and time.

The concepts that will be presented were reviewed again, and visual aids sorted and agreed upon. A basic agenda was discussed, with Chairman Lapolla to open the meeting, to introduce the members, and to present the options, but with the Chairman to feel free to call upon members for any part of the options, and members free to add to his comments. There will then be an opportunity for public questions, followed by a chance to see the options up closer, with Committee members on the floor available for informal questions or more information. The Public will be asked to mark their ballots and leave them in the ballot box before leaving.

Discussion of estimated costs followed. Chairman Lapolla had contacted several local builders for their estimates. These varied somewhat, as some included everything, and some just the building. After discussion, the Committee agreed to use the following rough estimates:

Stand alone Fire Dept. on the Dearborn property: \$ 1.3 to 1.5 million dollars

Combined Fire and Police on the Dearborn property: \$ 1.7 to 1.9 million dollars

An expansion of the Police Dept. at its present location: \$430,000 dollars.

No estimate of a stand-alone Police Dept. was done, as its location has not yet been determined. Further, no estimate on the effect on Tax Rates can be done, even from the estimates, until it is decided by the Selectmen how the Facilities will be funded, and over what period of time. It was emphasized that these are only rough estimates, and that no better estimates can be done until the option to be used is chosen by the Selectmen, final design is completed, and site chosen. Use of the Gould property may add to the cost, as the Dearborn property already has been surveyed, grades and elevations drawn, and environmental study completed. None of this has been done on the Gould property.

Other publicity for the meeting was discussed: Signs will be prepared and posted around town: Tuftonboro School will be requested to put the meeting on its sign in front of the school: Articles have already appeared in the "Tuftonboro Times", and in the "Granite State News", with another article requested for the "Granite State News" to finalize the date and time: The town will be requested to add a posting to its website.

Adjournment was moved, seconded and approved at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Young, Committee Secretary