

Town Of North Hampton, NH
Building Committee

August 30, 2021 5:00pm
Minutes

Building Committee Members Present:

Chairman Brian Goode,
Vice Chairman Josh Jeffrey,
Committee Member Peter Robie (Via Zoom call)

Also present at the meeting were Mike Tully, Jason Lajoie, Frank Daly, Kathryn Mone, John Tuttle, John Ricci.

1. Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. The minutes were discussed and approved by the committee members.
3. Brian Goode recommended the committee look into what other communities needs have been and comparing them to North Hampton's so those facilities could then be compared to the what John Tuttle and John Ricci are proposing for North Hampton. The committee looked to the chiefs and the town administrator for help in determining if there were other communities in the area that could give the committee an "Apples to Apples" comparison. It was then determined the Police Chief and the Fire Chief would reach out to their counter parts in the town of Rye and Stratham to set up meetings for the committee to tour their facilities.
4. Peter Robie brought up a recent article in the news reporting on a new fire station that had just been completed in the town of Newbury NH. The costs, size and square footage of that station was discussed and if it could be compared to North Hampton's. It was determined there were many unknowns in what was included in the price tag reported but it is good information to have in helping with overall decisions for North Hampton's project.
5. Peter Robie asked if the Police / Fire Station needed to be designed as an Essential Building and if that meant being able to withstand situations like major weather events? Different building methods and materials were discussed such as Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs) vs conventional wood framing. It was concluded that when the time came to accurately price out a specific design it could easily be priced in a way that showed multiple options for building methods.
6. It was stated that in most cases, in most small communities, all fire apparatuses are usually kept inside and mostly the police cruisers are kept outside, although could sometimes be covered with a carport type structure.

7. All committee members agreed the direction the town should go is building a new Fire / Safety facility and not try and renovate the existing structure. Renovations would be too time consuming and costly. It is best to demolish the old structure and start with a clean slate to build new.
8. Peter Robie asked about the possibility of connecting the old library building with the Stone Building to bring the town administration departments back together as one unit. Mike Tully had mentioned in the last meeting there is sometimes confusion as to where certain town administration departments are housed. Since the Stone Building is on the State Register and National Register there are certain rules and regulations on what can and can't be done to it. Mike Tully suggested he ask the Heritage Commission to join the next meeting to help clarify what the possibilities are when connecting to or changing it.
9. Next meeting was set for Monday Sept. 13, 2021 @ 4:00 pm.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.