

Safety Services Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2013

A meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee was held on Wednesday December 4, 2013 at 3:00 pm at the Franconia Town Hall. The minutes were recorded by Suzanne MacDonald.

Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno (Selectman), Dawn Steele (Resident), Paul Schmucker (Life Squad Chief), Jeff Woodward (Resident), John Monaghan (Police Chief), Rick Gaudette (Fire Chief) and Facilitator Deb Maes.

Guests were Roger Odell (Fire Department), John Lachapelle (Selectman)

The meeting was called to order by Bob Montagno.

The minutes of October 16, 2013 were reviewed and accepted after a couple of small changes in wording.

Bob discussed our timeline and we are a little behind schedule. We will be looking for preliminary drawings at our next meeting on December 18, 2013.

Today we discussed and looked at the space needs of each department. Bob Montagno is questioning if we really need the whole length of the building. Costs are based on square footage. The Town does not expect much growth so we should not have to plan for any real additional space. John Lachapelle thinks we should keep additional space in mind as this is a building expected to be used for many, many years. The Committee is looking at a building that is 80 feet by 120 feet.

Roger reminds us that we don't have much of a choice for building size due to the size of the lot. There is not much room for change of size. We don't need to fill every square inch of the building.

There was no representation from the Energy Commission at this meeting. As we move forward it is very important to have representation.

The space requirement for the Fire Department, Police Department and the Life Squad were discussed in detail. The size of the fire trucks is what is dictating the depth of the building. The trucks are as long as they are going to be. The meeting room can be combined between departments. The kitchen needs to be fairly big on the fire department side. The Police Department will only need to have a small area with a sink, cupboards, microwave, fridge, and small table with 4 chairs. Rick Gaudette does not want access from the Police Department into the bay area. Rick is adamant the Fire Department and the Police Department be completely separated. Access can always be gained thru the front door. The Life Squad must have a locked area for medical supplies. There was much discussion on the topic of closet versus storage area. Shower/bathroom area was discussed on both sides of the building. John Monaghan explained the needs of the Police Department side of the building. (Not all space requirements have been listed above.)

As discussion continued about size of rooms and space needs it was noted that maybe it would make more sense to “flip” the building to better accommodate the sally port.

The next meeting will be on **December 18, 2013 at 3pm**. Hopefully plans and exterior views with design will be presented at this meeting in rough draft.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne MacDonald
Safety Services Building Committee - Secretary