

Newbury, NH

Safety Services Public Forum #2 - Notes

June 27, 2017

Newbury Town Offices Meeting Room

Parking – how much is needed? Parking for volunteer firefighters when they are called in.

Who is responsible for grounds around the facility? - It is contracted out to landscape maint. company

Can we use the existing building for equipment storage, boats Kubota, Parade Truck etc.?

Could a critique of the existing designs be made available at the September meeting?

Issues related to separation of playground and PD or FD – (issue was with FD and vehicles arriving for calls mostly)

Future meeting dates, announcement, send out postcards if possible

Trust Factor: Need to trust in process and conclusions

Need to clarify how the process will proceed and why: Budget approach vs. Detailed Design

Is there a Remodel Alternative? Pros & Cons of the remodel option and estimated costs?

The Group then tour the Police Department and Fire Department with staff for a closer look at the existing facility and challenges.

Some participants then returned to the Town office to debrief on the tour and discuss how they would like to see the discussion continue at future meetings.

Notes on Tour of PD and FD:

Police Station:

Public access brings people directly into reception area where there is confidential information, no privacy and risk of breaching strict confidentiality rules. Need separation.

Files are all kept in small room off reception, not adequate.

Police station is an addition to the fire station, a concrete wall separates the two.

Power hub – if power goes out at pole, there is no power for phones (911 is not a part of this phone system), there is no back-up at pole/switch box outside the station.

Power hub room gets hot, a lot of heat is generated in this room.

Linear layout of station is a problem, no separation of activities.

Need interview area separate from main office area. Currently there is no privacy, everything happens in the back room at conf. table, open to all activities.

Currently there is 1500sf, the Police Sta. needs 2600sf

Original cost estimate carried 1.3m for Police Station.

According to participants on the tour it seems like the building could be refurbished for Police Use for much less.

Garage storage area is used for many things, sally port, storage, maintenance, etc.

Fire Station:

Exhaust is a major problem, high rate of cancer for firefighters due to breathing exhaust in station. Stains in the upper walls due to exhaust.

Building structure is not sound, the exterior light on the building is often blown out from the building shaking when the ex. door is closed.

Need comfortable, attractive 'day-room' where volunteers can hang out, this is necessary to recruit young volunteers.

Training room is also Chief's office (desk in corner) and file and equipment storage.

Space needed on either side of trucks to have side doors and hatches open and to maneuver around them.

Doors too low, ladder truck would not fit in this building.

Driveway access too close to road, not enough setback for visibility and safety.