

Items Raised by the Public

as of November 7, 2015

1. Why is the fire station being built with 5-bays when the department only owns four pieces of equipment? Can't things like the fire boat be stored elsewhere, such as in the town garage, for the Winter?

[The proposed fire station would have 5 bays with the option for adding a fifth bay in the future. Refer question regarding the availability of other storage possibilities to the Town Administrator.]

2. The existing fire station is about 5000 square feet and the proposed station is about 8500 square feet. How do these sizes compare with other towns of a similar size that provide similar services and have a similar number of calls per day?

[Dan Wolf investigating facilities of surrounding towns]

3. Why not design the fire station station with double bays that can house two vehicles per bay?

[Architect reports practice are that new designs use single bays . Dan Wolf investigating decisions made by surrounding towns]

4. Do the police and fire departments respond to theft and medical incidents at the Sunapee ski area?

[Refer to Town Administrator]

5. Are the proposed buildings intended to serve the town for the next 20 years? How much population growth is expected over that time?

[Architect and committee to provide response]

6. Why consider building a new police station? Can't the existing building be adapted for their use?

[Architect and committee to provide response]

7. Why are other locations in town not being considered for these buildings to avoid the high cost of blasting needed at the Bald Sunapee site? The Outspokin Bicycle shop is one available property to consider. We understand that other properties on route 103 South of the town center are also available.

[Refer to Town Administrator]

8. Will the town be liable for damage to any buildings in the vicinity if blasting is done at Bald Sunapee ?

[Refer to Town Administrator]

9. Separate warrant articles should be presented to the voters for the fire station and police station so voters can make individual choices.

[Committee to consider]

10. When fire equipment is cleaned after returning to the station the runoff contains toxic chemicals. How will this toxic waste be handled?

[Architect to provide response]

11. When fire department members respond to a call there will be many cars arriving near the playground. What steps will be taken to protect children ?

[Architect to provide response]

12. Why is there no accountant on the committee?

[Public postings were made calling for volunteers to serve on the committee. No accountants volunteered. Cost estimates will be done by North Branch Construction Inc. which has financial specialists on its staff.]

13. The location of the Veterans memorial was decided based on the Master Plan, Why do some of the architects drawings impinge on the memorial?

[Committee to provide response]

14. The Town needs to do a better job of publicizing information pertaining to this project.

[Information used by the committee will be posted on the Town web site. A binder containing copies of information will be made available at the town library.]

15. It has been mentioned that the fire station is being sized to house a ladder truck. The town has no buildings tall enough to need a ladder truck.

[Committee to provide response]