

Safety Facilities Strategy Committee 10/14/20

In attendance: Beth Boudreau, Mark Tetreault, Ted Wilkinson, Paul Tudor, Mark Morrill, Mike Moore, Bob Young, Joe Mc Caffery

Minutes from 9/23/20 reviewed and approved 6-0

General Discussion regarding tasks assigned to committee members

- Notice posted on the town website “Attention Northwood property owners: The Safety Complex Committee is looking at potential locations for a future safety complex that will require voter approval. If you are willing to sell, please send your name and email to bboudreau@town.northwood.nh.org and you will be contacted by the committee. Preferred locations are from Harvey Lake Road to East Northwood.”
- Also posted on Northwood Chat Facebook page with “We are currently in the “gathering of information” stage only, no actual planning for a build has been done.”
- Beth had visited the Farmington Complex and received a tour both inside and out, it is a very impressive facility.
- Contacted the assessing department to find potential town owned land Blakes Hill Rd was mentioned. Email was shared with the committee.
- Mark shared the building plans from Farmington’s Safety complex via email, it was resent by Beth during the meeting to help refresh committee’s inbox
- Paul had a discussion with a land owner, he stated that the owner was very receptive to the possibility of selling a piece of his lot. He had walked it down, and thought there was definite potential.
- Paul plans on talking to the abutting owner to see if he is willing to sell a piece as well
- The committee reviewed the piece of land that was talked about on property map 217
- This acreage is approximately 2.5 miles to the Epsom line
- Discussion of ISO (insurance service office) rating is to be within a 5-mile radius. Mark had contacted them to see if it was actual driving miles or bird view. He was told it was driving
- Our current rating is a 9 out of 10 (10 being the worst)
- To have one “complex” it would need to be centrally located, if not substations would still be needed.
- One new energy efficient building would be a better sell to the town. We currently have 3 fire and 1 police building. By having them all under one roof centrally located it would be a cost savings in maintenance, heat and electricity with the older buildings.
- Talk of land across from the school, Bow St
- Should we consider building on a town road within a mile of route 4
- Driveway permits from the state on route 4 is troublesome
- On route 4 could be problematic, potentially a traffic light controlled by fire apparatus would be beneficial.
- A map highlighted with all of the town owned properties will be requested
- Much discussion regarding the placement to the complex, what is preferred side roads or route 4

We will continue to talk to people about potential locations.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

