

Board of Fire Commissioners

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A Special Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Don Kugler at 6:02 PM on June 2, 2010. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were:

Commissioners: B. Chouinard, Kugler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary J. Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Also present, Maria Sciocchetti, architect from CT Male to discuss exterior alterations to the outside of Porter Corners firehouse.

Commissioner Kugler noted that Ms. Sciocchetti is here again to review the details for Porter Corners firehouse.

Ms. Sciocchetti then proceeded to review what she had previously presented to the Board at the May 25, 2010 Workshop. In addition she noted the following:

- Code does not allow the buildings to be connected;
- Removal of snow guards and gutters;
- Since last meeting has realized there is no wood framing between the girds right now, may have to add additional framing in order to get the windows installed properly;
- Replace existing windows with casement windows with proper flashing;
- Original drawings showed there are foundations below the pads, but apparently they are not there. Will need to remove pads, put in a new foundation wall, put in new pads and get them sloped away from the building.
- Fill in areas between pad with gravel and get a trench drain below the roof drip and have that tied to the catch basin.
- May need to add purlins or wood blocking;
- Question as to what is holding the doors in place, may have to put in new doors as well;
- Insulation can be added, laid over and attached at all the purlins; no insulating value where the purlins are and code does not allow that anymore, but can be done again because it is just a retrofit. It is only on one wall, so is the extra cost worth it? It was noted that it is the cold wall.

Commissioner Spackmann commented that three side of the building should be re-sided, cosmetically it may not look right with wainscoting on one side of the building and not on the rest of the building. Noted there is also a door on the south side; if the doors on the north side were not framed in properly, then most likely neither is the south door, and that might as well be fixed, since there are some water and rust issues there as well. Should reinsulate at the same time.

- Several options regarding the exhausts, but would need to get different fans.
 - Extend existing ducts through the existing roof, but she does not recommend that;
 - Can attempt to go through the kitchen and meeting room ceilings out the back wall;
 - Possibly run exhaust through the canopy roof instead. She will look into it.

Commissioner Spackmann noted his concern regarding the noise from the fan; Ms. Sciocchetti noted that they have to fire rate that duct, which means wrapping it in something. Cost estimated to be an additional \$5,000.00. A/C Middlebrook noted the ceiling in the meeting room is a drop ceiling; there is no duct work above it as it was added after the original ceiling went in. The only thing above the drop ceiling is some electrical for wireless internet. If exhaust goes through meeting room, they may need to replace the drop ceiling if damaged.

Commissioner Spackmann asked if there were other options besides the wainscoting; Ms. Sciocchetti noted that there is something called Novabrik that is made out of the same material as brick, they all fit into each other, has its own draining system and there is no mortar joint.

Commissioner Kugler asked what the life cycle would be of the building once all this work was done; Ms. Sciocchetti noted she would have to find out from the manufacturer. She also noted the idea behind the wainscoting was if you need to replace any panels, you are not replacing all the siding from floor to ceiling but only a portion of it.

Assistant Chief Middlebrook questioned the possibility of extending the canopy toward the front of the building over the radio room window; a lot of snow builds up in that area over the winter. Ms. Sciocchetti noted that the flag pole would have to be removed and she would have to work out the symmetry again, but it is definitely doable. The canopy can be extended all the way to the back of the building, but the reason it was not done is because they want to change the grading to go down at the back of the building. It was also noted there is already power to the front of the building underneath the eaves, and they would like to build a memorial/planting bed at the front of the building. Porters to be responsible for removing the flag pole.

- Suggested putting lighting by the planting bed to light the flagpole, along the face of the building and on the underside of the soffits;
- Still recommends putting gravel between the pads;
- Question of installing a walkway along the length of the canopy. Her concern is handicapped accessibility; doors need to be wheelchair accessible especially the meeting room door. May need to adjust the depth of the canopy to get it right. The sidewalk cannot go up alongside the building as the whole idea behind this is so that nothing would build up against the building. Suggestion to have meeting room door entrance out to the parking lot as well as from under the canopy. May then have to move the catch basin.
- Regarding the siding, you have the option of choosing any colors you want; Deputy Chief Davis requested the siding match the pole barn. Regarding the columns against the wall, they will be tight to the wall but not attached and will be boxed in by the siding.
- Will need base flashing all around.
- Regarding the south door, will have to rebuild the canopy there, and there is probably no foundation there either, add a light out there.

It was noted that the fuel tank is buried next to the south door and could be a problem when it comes to excavation and pouring the footers. Discussion as to what to do with the existing tank, including:

- Leaving it where it is, and moving the fill pipe;
- Moving it under the stairs in the bay or to the downstairs;
- Moving it above ground.

Ms. Sciocchetti noted she would make arrangements to meet Commissioner Waite at Porter Corners firehouse to do a site evaluation of that side and maybe come up with some ideas.

Commissioner Spackmann asked to expand on the lighting on the north side of the building. It

was noted that there would be 2 lights on the face, if they would like more they can do more. Lighting is also needed under the canopy, recessed lighting with a vinyl soffit.

Signage was also suggested on the north side of the building by the new canopy as well as on the front of the building. The parking lot is in good shape.

Ms. Sciocchetti noted that before she begins a re-draft, several things need to happen including:

- AIA document needs to be drafted and signed by the Chairman amending their services;
- She will need to come out for another site visit;
- Not sure how long the process will take, it will not sit in the office because she really wants to get this project done first;
- Confirmed that this does not need to go out for a vote for approval;
- Suggested that the Board may want to hire a construction manager to make sure the job gets done right.
- Also suggested some things could be done as an add alternate or option.

Commissioner Kugler thanked Ms. Sciocchetti again for coming to the meeting this evening.

RESOLUTION #133 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:55 PM IN REFERENCE TO A MEDICAL ISSUE CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER HAROLD HALL, JR.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 6:55 PM in reference to a medical issue concerning Firefighter Harold Hall, Jr.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #134 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 7:20 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Special meeting ended at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary