

HINGHAM NORTH STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting: 7:30 P.M., May 15, 2017

Members Present: G. MacCune, N. MacDonald, K. Griswold, M. Wilkin

Town Residents Present: School Committee, E. Schreier, L. O'Reilly, D. Gallo

Professional Team: K. Buckley, D. Walter

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM on May 15, 2017, South Hearing Room, at the Hingham Town Hall.

Minutes for the meeting held on May 2, 2017 were approved. Motioned K. Griswold, second M. Wilkin, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

G. MacCune: started update. Chief Ollson had knee surgery and everything went well. Out 2 – 3 weeks. Current items to discuss with School Committee

1. Building 132 replacement, concern for siting and size.
2. Some concerns for next step of environmental study, who would be responsible for clean-up?
3. Would all functions currently performed by School Department on site be properly accommodated?

L. O'Reilly: hopes to discuss overall operation of the site and flow of traffic. Fire apparatus, buses, pumping station, national guard vehicles, etc.

G. MacCune: indicated a 3,000 SF building was discussed for initial siting by Dore & Whittier.

L. O'Reilly: said 5,300 SF is existing – why not replace that in full? “Operation exists there and we need to be whole.” She recommends another walk-through to access the overall SF needed space, Greg indicated the committee would plan on doing so.

E. Schreier: Utilization of existing facility and was determined by John Ferris, who would be Happy to meet and participate in tour.

D. Walter: Began presentation to show last iteration of Fire Station; residential district line with setbacks and possible siting of a 3,000 SF “Office Building”.

Site has a number of setback limitations so a modular building was shown at end of bus barn at south end.

D. Gallo pointed out 34 transportation people with 6 or 7 on maintenance side. 22 buses/9 vans, so it totals 40 people on site for transportation and maintenance. Maintenance arrives in pickup trucks. Roughly 40 parking spots needed to cover all personnel.

Fire department needs approximately 10 parking spaces for shift change and maybe additional 6 spaces for individuals coming in for training purposes.

Buses currently go out to Fort Hill Street, adjacent to guard house and turn right to head towards middle school.

D. Gallo spoke of whether town would consider additional curb cut due to congestion with light plant, DPW, train station, etc. All this adds to congestion of area.

D. Gallo – National Guard trucks are also adding to the overall impact of space on the site.

G. MacCune questioned who might own the land the guard trucks are on?

It was reported that Ray Estes, who resides on Fort Hill Park had requested any information he could view relative to the soil boring locations and results.

Discussions continued relative to the Fire Station footprint, possible 2 story, to shrink land impact but would then need elevator for access.

The area does have some historic designation as “Fort Hill Street Historic Area.”

Two main concerns to take away from today:

1. Size of replacement building for gate house.
2. Traffic flow around and off of site.
3. Visit should be scheduled to visit the existing school department building to assess size and operation.

Noted: During construction the issue of construction vehicles and staging area really cramps the site and buses may need to be temporarily located during the construction.

The demolition of the 132 building would be best for the site and help immensely to the overall building 132 estimated at 15,000 SF possible demolition cost of \$500,000 (if contaminated soil discovered would possible add another \$500,000, totally guesstimate at this point.)

Next meeting to be determined. Tour of gatehouse building will be posted.

Motion to adjourn by Mark, seconded by Karen. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM 4-0-0.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Knight, Bagge & Anderson
Owner's Project Manager*