

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025 - Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00pm

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Karin Chavis, Hannah Belcher, Jim Letterie, Jill Dorr, Kim Dimes, Stephen Calandra, Scott Wiley, Jack Dempsey, Joe Hanlon

ABSENT: Shannon Poulos, Tony Marino

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dan Pallotta, P3, Seung Hwan Lee (KBA) Larry Trimm (KBA)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes. Motion by Kim Dimes, 2nd by Jack Dempsey; Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Dan Pallotta handed out drawings/plans of the proposed fire house. Fences will go up around the work site by Wednesday, October 22nd. Physical abatement work will take place the following Monday, October 27th and will take approximately 6 weeks. Tree Warden Tom Derderian had questions/concerns about the Michael Cellucci memorial tree in front of the middle school. It was decided that he will talk offline to Eric Roise the Landscape Architect (KBA) to discuss whether to move the existing tree or plant a new one. Mr. Derderian will contact the family to get their feedback. Mr Trimm did a re-look at the floor plans. Mr Lee clarified a mistake regarding the layout of the bays, there will be 4 full bays and 2 half bays. KC questioned the functionality of the Firefighters coming into the "warm zone" SW explained that their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) could contain hazardous materials etc. KD asked questions regarding upcoming work. Mr. Pallotta said hours of construction would be Monday through Friday 7a to 3p. Construction workers will park their private vehicles within the confines of the project and dumpsters filled with hazardous materials will be covered when leaving town; following all DEP guidelines. SC talked about importance of having the space in the new building for the Emergency Operations Center which is currently housed in the basement of an old building. JL asked about pest control, traps will be set when the fence goes up. Tony Marino is planning to meet with the neighbors on October 30th. KC asked about possible negative impact on the neighboring hockey rink, Mr. Pallotta said the rink manager has been involved with this process since the beginning. JH emphasized the importance of closing off the area in the locker room as it poses a danger for kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next FHBC meeting will take place on Monday, November 10th at 5:00PM in the Harvey Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Steve Calandra, seconded by Jim Letterie. Meeting ended at 5:35

