

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026 – Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30pm

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Scott Wiley, Stephen Calandra, Hannah Belcher, Jill Dorr, Jack Dempsey, Paul Flanagan.

Tony Marino, Shannon Poulos, Karin Chavis, Joe Hanlon attended via Zoom.

ABSENT: Kim Dimes, Jim Letterie

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dan Pallotta, P3, Seunghwan Lee (KBA) Larry Trim (KBA), Molly Rovero (KBA)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Jack Dempsey made a motion to approve the minutes, Steve Calandra seconded

Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A project update was given by Dan Pallotta. He said that demolition of the old middle school building has begun. They are tearing down the building from the back side/Brookfield Road and they will haul the material out starting Wednesday, January 14th. The machine used to haul the materials is temporarily broke and will hopefully be up and running mid-week. A neighbor emailed a question/concern about vibrations in the neighborhood while the building was being torn down; it has been forwarded to the town manager who will respond. Mr. Pallotta also stated that we are exactly where we are supposed to be with regard to the budget; a copy of the budget was handed out to each committee member. In February/March we will be looking to prequalify contractors and bids will start to come sometime during July. Larry Trim Said meetings with the consultants have gone well. He asked Mr. Lee to display the rendering of Option 2 with changes that the committee asked to have made during the 12/1/25 meeting. Several angles were shown to highlight both the functionality as well as aesthetics of the building. Jack Dempsey asked about the possibility of changing the style of the windows – both Shannon Poulos and Karin Chavis had questions re: uptick in costs. Next week, the architects and OPM will have a budget reconciliation meeting. Mr. Pallotta touched on supply costs. Brick and glass are manufactured locally but cost energy to produce. Trying to push the schedule so costs of other supplies don't increase. At some point soon, there will be a community forum on design of the building, the date and time is TBD. The meeting ended with an informal discussion to proceed with option 2 as the design of the new firehouse.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next FHBC meeting will take place on Monday, January 26th at 4:30PM in the Harvey Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Jack Dempsey, seconded by Hannah Belcher. Meeting ended at 5:17

