

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday, February 2nd, 2026 – Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30pm

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Scott Wiley, Joe Hanlon, Jack Dempsey, Jim Letterie, Karin Chavis, Jill Dorr, Kim Dimes, Paul Flanagan.

Tony Marino, Shannon Poulos, Hannah Belcher and Molly Rovero (KBA) Meghan Collins (KBA) attended via Zoom.

ABSENT: Steve Calandra

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MINUTES:

Karin Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes, Kim Dimes seconded

Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

A project update was given by Dan Pallotta. Demolition of the building continues, and the materials are being hauled away; concrete and rebar are being recycled. He said we are doing better now than a month ago when there were “unknowns” meaning that the demolition crew was uncertain whether or not there would be water problems under the building. The water was previously turned off and there are no water leak issues. Mr. Letterie asked when demolition of the auditorium would start, Mr. Pallotta responded that they will start early next week and hope to have the site clean by 4-5 weeks. Weather could impact the process. The plaque bearing Michael Celluci’s name is currently in the custody of the town. At some point in the future there will be a ceremony held at Celluci field; there will be a new tree planted, a memorial bench and the plaque will be placed there. Larry Trim (KBA) said that they are working on refining building elevations and looking at the grading of the site. Mr. Lee then showed slides of the proposed fire station and illustrated the change in windows on the front of the building. These changes will not adversely affect the budget. Mr. Wiley said he spoke with Chief Calandra who was very impressed with the virtual walkthrough of the building. Chief Calandra visited KBA last week to make selections on the interior of the building. Ms. Chavis asked about scheduling another neighborhood meeting, Mr. Pallotta suggested that take place in March. Mr. Letterie asked about signage for the neighborhood, Mr. Trim assured they would have proper signs in place when the time comes, Ms. Collins (KBA) said they generally don’t discuss signage until further along in the project. Mr. Pallotta met with Tony Marino (Town Mgr), Cheryl McCormick (Asst. Town Mgr), Al Legee (Building Commissioner) and Jim Cipoletta (Town Atty) to discuss permitting issues and the need to hire a reviewing engineer. They got good direction and will meet again in a couple of weeks. The meeting concluded with Mr. Lee suggesting we schedule a virtual walkthrough of the proposed station with a date to be determined.

Mr. Letterie made a motion to adjourn the meeting by taking a roll call, seconded by Ms. Dimes. Roll call was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next FHBC meeting will take place on Monday, March 2nd at 4:30 in the Harvey Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended at 5:09PM