

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday August 10th, 2026 - Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER : 4:30pm

ROLL CALL :

PRESENT: Jim Letterie, Joseph Hanlon, Jack Dempsey, Karin Chavis, Scott Wiley, Paul Flanagan, Steve Calandra, Jill Dorr, Hannah Belcher, Shannon Poulos.

ON ZOOM: Anthony Marino, Seunghwan Lee (KBA) Lee Rich (KBA)

ABSENT: Kim Dimes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dan Pallotta, P3, Larry Trim (KBA) Marc Champagne (KBA)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

MINUTES:

Paul Flanagan made a motion to approve the minutes, Jack Depmsey seconded, Hannah Belcher, Joseph Hanlon and Shannon Poulos abstained.

Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Dan Pallotta reported that the project is halfway through the bidding process with bids due August 17th, 2026. The two Estimators that were contracted to look at this project came within 100K of each other, which is a good sign. No sitework will occur during the next two weeks while stormwater culverts are manufactured. Steve Calla made an impromptu appearance at this meeting and provided an update on these pipes. He emphasized that they would secure water storage capacity during high tides and represent a major upgrade. The new layout reroutes the pipes for 100% accessibility, replacing the old system which is currently buried under the gymnasium. The final design of the gymnasium wall was approved. Jim Letterie said he has heard concerns from residents that the project is over budget and there are delays. Mr. Pallotta assured the committee that neither is true, the project is on time and within the proposed budget. Karin Chavis asked for a newsletter to be drafted and distributed to the community to keep everyone informed about the project. Prior to the meeting, a 30-minute site visit to the new firehouse took place. Dan Pallotta and Marc Champagne pointed out two debris piles - one to be removed and disposed of off-site and the other to be repurposed as fill for the foundation. Mr. Pallotta also outlined the general layout for the building and parking lot before the committee adjourned to the Harvey Room.

Next meeting : August 24th @ 4:30.

Agenda note: Dan Pallotta requested to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Shannon Poulos made a motion to adjourn; Chief Calandra seconded the motion - unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

