

Winthrop Firehouse Building Committee Meeting

Monday October 5th, 2026 - Harvey Room

CALL TO ORDER : 4:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE :

ROLL CALL :

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

ON ZOOM: Joseph Hanlon, Hannah Belcher, Tony Marino

ABSENT: Paul Flanagan, Shannon Poulos

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

MINUTES: Kim Dimes made a motion to approve the minutes; Jim Leterie seconded the motion. Hanna Belcher and Joseph Hanlon abstained. A second roll call was taken and the minutes were approved with Jack Dempsey and Hannah Belcher abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Dan Pallotta announced that phase two of the construction has begun. The contractors will begin a week from next Monday, October 19th by prepping for the foundation. Recent inclement weather has caused minor setbacks. With heavy rainfall there has been a lot of groundwater, there may be a water leak under the gym they will investigate to see if the water is leaking from an old pipe. Weekly meetings have taken place regarding the block wall, it should have been done this week, but rainfall caused a delay, and it will be starting this Wednesday. Geotech company LCGI will be coming to inspect the soil to ensure that the area is safe to build on. There are piles of debris, some will be repurposed and some will have to be trucked out offsite. We are on pace to schedule a groundbreaking. Ms. Dimes had concerns regarding the outfall pipe from Donovan's beach, and the efficacy of the catch basin/drain. She wondered if there's an additional leak. Mr. Pallotta said that the town is planning to conduct a dye test to determine where the water is coming from. She also inquired about the extra debris that will be taken offsite, could the town use any of that material for projects around town. Chief Calandra asked what we could expect to see in the next ninety days of this project provided there are no delays. Mr. Pallotta stated that the foundation will be one hundred percent installed and possibly the first load of steel will be delivered and then things happen fast. Once the steel goes up there will be a month or so of straightening, seismic bracing and other detail work. Ms. Chavis stressed the importance of having accessibility to the gymnasium for voting day on November 3rd. The OPM, contractor, representatives from KBA and town manager Marino, Mr. Letterie will continue to meet weekly to discuss ongoing issues as they arise. A re-dedication of the Cellucci plaque was held over the weekend, and the family was very touched. We will meet in another month to discuss the design of the wall and if there are any changes in the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None,

Next meeting : Monday, November 2nd, 2026. Kim Dimes made a motion to adjourn, Roll call conducted, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4.54pm

