

Fire and Rescue Planning Committee

Minutes of Monday, May 15, 2017, 6pm

Members present: Kevin Johnson, Co-Chair; Ben Wallace, Co-Chair; Allan LeGrow, Dave Mercier, Jonathan Burbank, and Gail Hart

Staff present: Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer; Kristi Eiane, Town Administrator

The Committee turned its attention to discussing next steps with regard to planning/designing for a centralized building and developing cost-estimates. It was noted that some of the more recent facilities in Maine that have been constructed are in Norridgewock, Augusta, Windham and Cumberland.

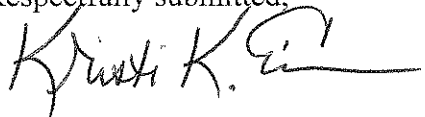
Committee member Burbank had drafted an outline of work for the next phase. The Committee suggested that the Town utilize its engineering firm (G-P) for tackling steps 1 and 2 in this initial phase. G-P will be contacted to put together an agreement and budget on the basis of the draft outline. G-P's scope of work will include site analyses of several possible locations on Town-owned property—next to the current EMS building, the site where the Cable TV studio is located and one other location. There was discussion about how the project could impact Recycling Center operations as well as decisions about future facility needs at the Center. It was suggested that Recycling Manager, Chuck Perow, be invited to attend the Committee's next meeting to participate in discussions.

Administrator Eiane provided an update on the hiring process for the Fire Administrator. Many applications had been received and first-round interviews were underway.

Chief Wallace noted that there is a new tower in the Cundy's Harbor area that might be helpful, in the future, to improving emergency communications in that part of Harpswell. Chief Wallace also noted that there were not many EMTs currently affiliated with the Cundy's Harbor department.

The meeting adjourned at about 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristi K. Eiane, Town Administrator