

Future Facilities Workshop

NOTES

May 9, 2022

Present: Jesse Peters, Susan Peters, Matt Nielsen, Paul Giddinge, Paul Schumann, Marcia Bowen, Jan Pieter van Voorst van Beest, Dick Hogue, Kathy Hogue

Select Board: Jon Morris, Andy O'Brien, Heidi Curry

Town Administrator: Becky Taylor-Chase

1. Jesse Peters, Fire Chief: Researched recently built Fire Stations (2000+) in similar size towns:
 - a. Edgecomb 2010/11, wood frame, \$550,000. They had a 7-8 town resident committee with 1 Select Board member and 1 Fire Department member and hired an architect. They have more equipment than Pownal; they built a training room, kitchenete, 2 shower/bath, conference room, Chief's office, utility room, radiant heat, and a 3 bay garage.
 - b. Manchester 2008, brick with warming/cooling center, radiant heat, 1.5 million. It included meeting room, Chief's office, kitchen, storage.
 - c. Unity 2006/07, wood frame, engineer and architect firm, \$650,000. It has 4 bays, 8 doors for drive-through. Also a training room, Chief's office, Deputy Chief Office, showers. (They used a firm to help, but do not recommend them.)

QUESTIONS / GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Of these 3 facilities, did anyone talk about future needs? It was noted that many had combined buildings.
2. How were these new buildings in the other Towns financed? Bonds, taxation, grants?
3. Both Durham and New Gloucester have recently-built facilities that we should visit. New Gloucester built a big facility and received a grant. Both of their projects were driven by future needs and they used an incredible amount of research and had the help of a Town Planner.
4. Should we be interested in the process before committees are formed, should we be concerned about future needs?
 1. We need to plan for at least 20 years, look to the future, plan for future expansion; but, how were future needs determined?
 2. Our process should start with a Steering Committee then a Building Committee.
 3. We should arrange some site visits to see what other towns have done.
 4. GPCOG can assist with a 20 year projection on town grown, cost around \$12,000
 5. North Star did a population projection for the Comprehensive Plan and could be helpful with future projections; we should get an estimate from them and make sure they have the capacity to do the work we need.
 6. Rural Character should be part of our vision and keep in line with Comprehensive Plan.
 7. A Town Planner would be important for our Town and could help with a project like this.

*Jon Morris will set up site visits with Durham and New Gloucester.

*Jon Morris will ask about costs from both CPCOG and North Star.

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