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MAYOR JON TRISTER

NEWINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers (Room 103), Town Hall, 200 Garfield St

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

This meeting was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.

Present: Chair Steve Woods, Members Donald Brown, Chip Stamm, Stanley Sobieski, Chris Miner, Theresa Avey, and Kassidy McNamara.

Others Present: Jonathan Altshul, Town Manager; Jeffrey Trommer, Fire Chief; Ed Patz, Captain Station 2; Robert Roach, AIA, Friar Architects

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Woods called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Woods led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Donald Brown, Steve Woods, Chris Miner, Stanley Sobieski, Theresa Avey, Chip Stamm and Kassidy McNamara were present.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

5. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Avey asked whether Committee members should have attended the walk through of Station #4 with Mr. Roach, to which Mr. Woods and Mr. Roach stated that the walk through is straightforward and does not generally require building committee oversight.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sobieski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Regular Meeting. Mr. Brown seconded. There were no public comments and the motion passed 7-0.

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7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review program spreadsheet and draft conceptual design options with Robert Roach, AIA, Friar Architecture

Mr. Roach distributed a draft conceptual plan and program spreadsheet for feedback.

Chief Trommer noted that both of the bays should be large enough to accommodate longer fire apparatuses.

Mr. Miner asked about the building dimensions compared to the existing footprint, to which Mr. Roach explained that it would be about 10' wider and slightly longer.

Ms. McNamara asked about the windows and roll-up doors, to which Mr. Roach indicated those details would be shown in the next iteration of the plans.

Mr. Brown asked about whether the apparatuses would fit in the driveway apron without extending into the roadway, to which Mr. Roach responded that the apparatuses would not encroach into the roadway. Mr. Brown also asked about whether there would be sufficient storage space.

Mr. Miner asked about accessibility to the 2nd floor, to which Mr. Roach noted that there would be an elevator and stairs.

Chief Trommer asked about parking and noted that he would prefer more parking spaces. Mr. Roach stated that parking spaces would be reflected in the next draft. Chief Trommer also noted that one of the office spaces in the draft plan could be eliminated to create more space for the bays.

Ms. Avey asked why the administrative offices were needed, to which Chief Trommer responded that they weren't needed, but that a dispatch room was necessary so that fire fighters could fingerprint themselves prior to responding to a call.

Ms. McNamara inquired about the layout of the kitchen area, to which Mr. Roach responded that he tried to keep plumbed areas close together.

Chief Trommer suggested adding a man door at the front of the building, which Mr. Roach agreed to add to the next draft.

Ms. Avey asked about the need for dorms, to which Chief Trommer stated that dorms are needed during storm emergencies and that the department was preparing for future uses.

Chief Trommer noted that Station 4 would be temporarily relocated to Station 5 at the southern end of Maple Hill Avenue during construction.

Concern was raised about the condition of the soils, and Mr. Roach agreed to follow up with Mr. Altshul with a quote for a Phase 1 environmental review.

Mr. Miner asked about the timeline for a referendum. Mr. Avey noted that the deadline for getting referendum questions to the state is September 21. Mr. Altshul noted that the Town would also need to adopt an ordinance prior to that deadline, and that he'd follow up with the Town Clerk about this.

Mr. Brown asked about the dimensions of the gear storage room, and suggested that instead of it being 10'x10', which would be difficult for multiple firefighters to suit up in at the same time, that it be 5' x 20'. Chief Trommer also inquired about combining the equipment and gear storage spaces.

Mr. Miner suggested having the generator located inside the building.

Mr. Altshul asked Mr. Roach how much time he'd need to revise the plans and when to come back to the Committee, to which Mr. Roach indicated that he'd be ready for the February 18 Committee meeting. Mr. Woods stated that the January 29 meeting would be cancelled.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

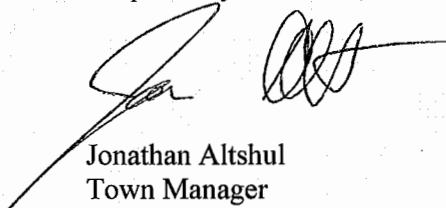
10. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sobieski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Mr. Miner seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Altshul
Town Manager