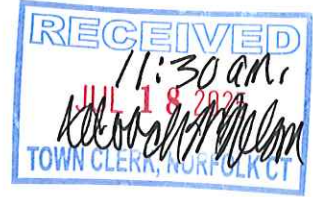


**Fire House Building Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
Minutes: Thursday, July 17, 2025



**Meeting was held at the Norfolk Town Hall**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM**

**Committee members in attendance:** Barry Roseman, Lou Barbagallo, Matt Ludwig (Zoom), Mark Morgan, Jeff Torrant, & Matt Riiska

**Also in Attendance:** Paul Padua, Brian Grant, Newfield Construction, Katheryn Boughton

**Attending via Zoom:** James Nall, Silver-Petrucelli Architects, Steve Hutchins, Brian Hutchins

**Bid Review**

Brian Grant reviewed the recent bid results with the committee. Bids were approximately \$1.2 million over originally projected costs. Brian explained that these overages were because of the current volatility of the copper, aluminum, & steel market pricing.

Because some of the bid categories only received 1 or 2 bids, Brian suggested that we seek additional bids for those items. In addition, he also suggested we seek new bids for items where a wide range of pricing was provided.

The committee agreed that we cannot change the design of the building. Changes would require the committee to go back to Planning & Zoning.

The committee also discussed items such as radiant heat in the floor and felt that this is something that needs to be maintained considering it is imperative to keep the apparatus in good condition, allowing it to dry during the winter months is critical.

The committee will investigate options for the (3) bay outbuilding. This item is needed but can we wait to have it completed later?

Brian and the Newfield team will provide a breakdown of the bids, comparing the figures with the original estimates for the committee's review.

Silver-Petrucelli will investigate ways to take costs out of the project, window selection, heating units, flooring, etcetera.

**Construction Schedule**

We will go out to bid for a few of the construction categories for better pricing.

Currently the estimated construction start will be moved out to mid to late September.

**Finances**

MR reported that the Town has moved \$500,000 to the Fire House Engineering/Construction Account, the Capital Campaign has received a \$100,000 donation, and we have reapplied for Congressionally Directed Spending funds. The application has been confirmed by Senator Blumenthal's office and Congresswoman Hayes' office.

**P & Z and Wetland Reviews**

The P & Z Commission has given preliminary approval of the design changes. They would like to hear from the Wetland Agency's response to the removal of the boardwalk.

MR will attend the next Wetland's meeting to discuss the boardwalk.

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Matt Riiska 

Acting Secretary