

MILTON FIRE STATIONS – Info Session #2 (Atherton)

21 May 2019 – Fuller Village Conference Room, 7-9 PM

Present:	Chief Grant	Milton Fire Department Chief
	Brian Walsh	Chair, Fire Station Building Committee (FSBC)
	Dan Clark	Fire Station Building Committee (FSBC)
	John Sheldon	Fire Station Building Committee (FSBC)
	John King	Fire Station Building Committee (FSBC)
	Megan McCallon	Daedelus Projects, Inc.
	Jeff Shaw	Context Architecture (CTX)
	Angela Campbell	Context Architecture (CTX)

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Brian introduced purpose of the information sessions, and then introduced Dan Clark who explained FSBC's progress to date. Jeff presented firm's fire station projects highlighting the design process, historic preservation, and general aspects and considerations for fire station design. Projects included Westford Fire Station, Arlington's Fire Headquarters and Highland Substation and Andover Ballardvale Fire Station.

Comments/questions from the public:

- New headquarters station should keep the neighborhood in mind; concern for parking
- Jeff noted that Context is currently in the information-gathering stages; reviewing parking needs, development of center and working with MPIC to generate viable schemes. Jeff also noted that construction logistics will be looked at which include: noise and dust control, protection of neighborhood and understanding all the variables which affect the neighborhood
- Dan Clark discussed logistics of staggering construction of the various stations, starting with HQ, to allow for grants and state construction reimbursements that are available for "shovel-ready" projects. CD's would be prepared concurrently
- East Milton would remain operational during construction as well as Atherton.
- The overall project schedule and budget would be informed by bonds available, cash flow of the town, fiscal framework and cost estimates received for the project
- Context and FSBC have met with the Milton Planning Implementation Committee (MPIC) to gain feedback and will continue to meet as options are considered and the implications of each option are defined
- East Milton site selection is on-going; Dan Clark discussed the FSBC's investigation into adding a parcel, building adjacent to East Milton station
- Comment on Headquarters design: preferable to keep open green space; JS discussed Context's focus is to only "touch" edge of parking area and respect constraints of the site and open space
- JS mentioned the logical solution would be to maintain existing access to bays (from central drive between FS and Town Hall) while considering pattern of travel and existing traffic pattern
- The need for 3 stations in Milton was discussed; question as to whether a cost savings would be possible by reducing to only 2 stations servicing the Town of Milton; Brian Walsh explained the FSBC has been tasked with finding viable sites to allow for best coverage. The FSBC hired an outside consultant to review implications, along with ISO rating, the logical site locations would allow for a 4 minutes response time (NFPA standard for coverage); fringe areas of the Town of Milton



would be less than the 94% response time requirement. Brian also mentioned the goal for the fire department would be to increase the response time and improve on the 94% cut off requirement

- Chief Grant discussed the East Milton response time difficulty due to the Highway location and the potential loss of response time due to traffic
- Ambulance need was discussed; the proposed HQ would house (2) ambulances (outside provider) to better serve the town; logistics of ambulance versus fire apparatus providing services, paramedics on staff and EMT trained fire-fighters was discussed; cost of running fire engines for all emergency calls was mentioned
- Question was brought as to whether an ambulance would be housed at Atherton; BW answered that it was still up for discussion
- JS explained that the goal for Atherton Fire Station Design would be a separate building which would complement, not mimic, the existing historic fire station

The Fire Station Building Committee thanked the attendees for their feedback and noted that an additional information session will be planned, tentatively in September/early October.