

MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: September 13, 2007

Location: Firehouse Main St. Durham

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendance: H. Hall, F. Behrens, D. Foley, T. Palmieri, R. Parmelee, S. Spooner, D. Milne, S. Levy, F. DeFelice
Absent: J. McLaughlin, W. Wright,

Motion by D. Foley seconded by F. DeFelice to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting was passed unanimously.

The Meeting began with each member in turn expressing what their impressions of the public hearing were. Almost unanimously the members expressed frustration that the majority of the comments focused on a small portion of the report and were derived from the anonymous flyer containing inaccurate and false information. S. Levy expressed his desire to respond point by point to the flyer addressing the falsehoods. The committee felt that this was not productive at this point and that the report spoke for itself to anyone truly interested in reading it.

Discussion shifted to the issue of the secondary access with some sentiment to elaborate by partially defining the considerations involved. This was deemed to be outside the scope of the committees charge since there are numerous approaches to this access each accompanied by its own considerations. F. DeFelice expressed a desire to insert language eliminating Eminent Domain as a way of acquiring land for a second access. The committee felt that since it was not proposing any specific location or approach but rather to consider providing the access this was not necessary since the implementation of the access would flow from the considered decision to provide one.

D. Milne suggested that modifying the wording of the report to reflect the public input might be appropriate. This led to a discussion of the committees responsibilities. Most felt that the committees charge was to provide the best possible solution to the Board of Selectmen based on the needs and input of the Emergency Services, tempered by the public members, with the realization that this may require concessions and modifications to achieve. To change recommendations founded on the needs and realities of the Emergency Services would be inappropriate and would no longer represent the committee's best possible advice.

A motion by D. Foley seconded by S. Spooner to leave the report as submitted passed unanimously with F. DeFelice abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.
No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Foley