

MILTON FIRE STATIONS

MEETING NOTES, Historical Commission – 1 May 2019

Present:	Stephen O'Donnell Edie Clifford Linda Weld William Mullen Meredith Hall Ellen Anselone Frederick McFadden Kathy Landers Keyes Brian Walsh Alicia Monks Elizabeth Apeldoorn Jeff Shaw	Chair, Milton Historical Commission Clerk, Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Milton Historical Commission Chair, Fire Station Building Committee (FSBC) Daedalus Projects, Inc (DPI) Context Architecture (CTX) Context Architecture (CTX)
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Brian introduced the history of the project and the current status. Brian noted that the team will also meet with the Master Plan Implementation Committee soon. Jeff noted the purpose for the visit to the Commission was to gather their initial feedback and thoughts prior to any work starting on the design or planning of the stations. The focus of the discussion would be on the Headquarters and specifically the future of the existing building and new work.

The existing station and site for the project sits within the Milton Centre Historic District and is a listed contributing building (1888).

The options for the project include, renovation, expansion and reuse of the existing building as part of a larger fire station, construction of a new stand-alone fire station where the existing station is not used for fire purposes but remains a Town owned building or demolishing the existing building to make way for a new fire station in the same location. The team will study all these options and permutations of them in order to give the Town a fair and balanced understanding of the options, impact to the community and costs involved. The FSBC will then choose an option to bring forward to Town Meeting. During the deliberation process input and discussion will take place with the Historical Commission.

Comments from the Historical Commission include:



- Seismic considerations will be something to consider when renovating for continued fire station use. Would the existing building provide bracing for the new?
- Could the fire station be used for Town office space if not reused for fire?
- Regardless of the future use the building would need substantial upgrades and repairs
- Generally, prefer to see the building preserved
- Consider incorporating a tower element that might recall the original – review historical photos
- If the building remains but without fire occupying the building, does the Town have the resources to care/restore it separately?
- Scale and character of the new addition/building will need to be carefully considered to balance against the existing station.
- Consider the Milton library (very favorably received) addition as precedent to this project. It complies with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

The Fire Station Building Committee thanked the Historical Commission for their feedback and pledged to return to solicit further feedback when the design has begun.

Respectfully submitted,

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