

## **MINUTES**

### CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – FUTURE FIRE STATION LOCATION

Thursday, February 20, 2020 7PM  
Old Water Room, Falmouth Town Hall  
59 Town Hall Square  
Falmouth, MA 02540

At 7PM, Town Manager Julian Suso officially convened this initial meeting of the Committee, welcoming all those in attendance and thanking them for their service. All appointed members were in attendance and introduced themselves, including George Rogers, Trisha Favulli, Stephane Cattin, Alden Cook, Michael Duffany, Pat Johnson, Marc Finneran, Todd Taylor and Dan Mahoney. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Michael Small.

A copy of the final McGrath Consulting Report - **Fire Station Location Study** was presented to each member of the Committee. An electronic version of this Report has been placed on the Town website for public information as well. The Selectmen's approved Mission Statement for this Committee was briefly reviewed with members. There was also a confirmation of the requirement to fully comply with the Commonwealth Open Meeting Law in the conduct of this Committee.

There followed a general discussion and deliberation on the matter of potentially determining a Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary. By consensus vote, it was decided to appoint Trisha Favulli and Mike Duffany as Co-Chairs of this Committee and to dispense with consideration of a Vice-Chair. Pat Johnson was affirmed by all members to serve as Recording Secretary.

The Committee determined to set their regular meeting date/time on alternating Thursdays at 5:30PM in the Old Water Room at Town Hall. The next meeting date, therefore, would be Thursday March 5. Given a request to briefly view/tour the North Falmouth Fire Station, the Committee determined to meet Chief Small at 3:30PM on Thursday March 5 at that location for a tour. The regular meeting of the Committee would remain scheduled that same day for 5:30PM in the Old Water Room of Town Hall.

It was requested that the McGrath power point presentation to BOS be placed on the Town website and Mr. Suso confirmed that it would be. In answer to an inquiry, Chief Small indicated that a parcel of land at least 2 ½ acres in size would be appropriate for a new Fire Station of approximately 9,500 square feet. Harwich recently constructed a new station similar in concept. It was also requested that a listing of Town-owned parcels be generated with a supplemental clarification that this should also include privately owned parcels of sufficient size within one/more areas that the Committee can determine.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02PM.

Julian M. Suso  
Town Manager and  
(temporary) Recording Secretary