

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
May 6, 2019
5:30 PM
Site Walk
Pingree Hill Fire Station**

Selectmen Present: Richard Eaton, Keith Leclair and Todd Bedard

Others Present Mike DiPietro, Russell Sullivan, Paula Marzloff, Susan Goodhue, Fire Chief Michael Williams, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Seling, Station Captain Dave Walters, Firefighter Mike Mozer, Town Administrator William Herman and Nancy Hoijer, Recording Secretary

The meeting began with Chief Williams providing a handout to identify Fire Station problems they were aware of and to establish a plan for repairs. Chief Williams identified several issues concerning the sub-station which was built in 1985:

Pest infestation in the trim boards and soffits

Several holes were observed, some of which had been patched with foam insulation only to be reopened by carpenter bees and woodpeckers.

Mr. Eaton recommended obtaining an estimate to remove the pests this year. Discussion focused on whether it made sense to replace the damaged trim with wood or change to something such as vinyl or plastic since the pests would likely return with wood trim and siding.

Rotting, Curling and Loosening of lower trim boards and entryway

Chief Williams pointed out lower trim boards around the entire base of the foundation around the building which were rotted, curling and pulling away. The base of both sides of the entryway were observed to be completely rotted and need replacing immediately.

Diesel Exhaust System & Grant

Chief Williams indicated the air handlers and duct work in the apparatus bay which had been lowered for the cold air in-take. This system controls the intake of make up air which circulates into the interior of the building from the apparatus bay. Diesel exhaust fumes are being drawn into the system and the ducts were visibly blackened throughout the interior areas. Mr. Eaton recommended adding some duct work to have two zones for air circulation in the bays and in the rest of the building.

Chief Williams noted two federal Assistance to Firefighters grant was applied for that has a 95/5 match. If approved, one would provide roughly \$30-35,000 for the diesel exhaust venting system and another would provide \$15-20,000 for a clothing extractor system. Notification would go out in May or June.

Interior and Connecting Doors

Chief Williams would like to install rated doors between the apparatus bays and living quarters. A door in the office needed replacing with an interior door.

Kitchen & Floor

The floor in the kitchen and living area was notably settled and cracked along the exterior walls. Mr. Eaton noted this would likely not settle any more than it had already and should be leveled. The tiles were replaced with a different color and style where the breakfast bar had been removed. The trim needs painting. The refrigerator was new, the other appliances and cabinets were original. The coffee maker did not work. These areas are also used as a shelter and warming facility open to the public during storms and extreme cold. Mr. Eaton noted the town does not have a maintenance manager for its facilities and historically has been reactive to problems. Captain Walters and Chief Williams noted much of the work is done in-house when possible at both stations.

Bathrooms

The bathrooms are original and need updating.

Ceiling Tiles

Ceiling tiles were stained throughout the building and need to be replaced.

Scout Project

Captain Walters pointed out the wooden structure with staircase in the bay area that the Scouts had built for storage. The structure will be removed as the cost to repair is higher than removing it.

Attic/Insulation

Mr. Eaton recommended the attic insulation at both the substation and safety complex be looked at when the weather warms up.

Roof Leaks and Mold Issues

Chief Williams expressed concerns about evidence of prior roof leaks and the mold issues which had just been repaired. The roof was estimated to be 10 years old and no new leaks have been observed.

Septic and Pump Repair

The pump alarm which was noted at an earlier meeting was located and repaired in the tanks adjacent the entry door which openings were raised and fitted with new covers to assist in identifying their location. The pump which had gone to the bottom of the tank and was pulled up, repaired and replaced.

Other

Captain Walters noted the generator was inspected recently and appears to be operating fine. The Fire Station sign was done a year ago. Mr. DiPietro asked about the furnace. Captain Walters indicated it is original, was just serviced and appeared to be operating well. Captain Walters showed the water softener that had just been done which was located in the furnace room. The group also toured the bunk area, radio room and tool closet. Mr. Leclair asked

about lighting and converting to LEDs in the future. Chief Williams noted issues with the software working with the wireless technology.

Captain Walters noted Station Clean-Up Day is on May 19th.

Mr. Eaton recommended getting estimates for the pest removal and trying to do that this year. Mr. Leclair noted many of the other items would need to be put into next year's budget and recommended getting a list together and prioritizing the items. Mr. Eaton recommended getting an estimate for the floor.

Adjourn

Mr. Bedard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Mr. Leclair seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer,
Recording Secretary



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Purpose: Fire Station 2 walkthrough with selectmen
Date: 5-6-19
Time: 1730
Purpose: To Identify Fire Station problems and to establish a plan for repairs

The Pingree Hill fire station was built in 1985 and is currently being used as our sub-station protecting the residents of Auburn in this location of Town. Over the years this building has seen much use and is starting to show wear and tear. Listed below outlines issues which we are aware of and want to know how you would like us to proceed with repairs.

- Apparent roof leaks over the years, not sure if the roof is still leaking?
- Animals /birds living in the trim of the building (woodpeckers)
- Mold issues just repaired and repainted, not sure if more mold exists?
- Rotted wood around lower levels of building outside near the Wilson crossing side of Bldg. (Should we side the building with a material which won't rot?)
- Air quality issues, in the buildings makeup air apparently comes from the apparatus bays
- Building Needs a diesel exhaust system to capture diesel exhaust fumes in the apparatus bays, A grant has been written, (no guarantees)
- The Kitchen floor has settled, needs repairs
- Kitchens and bathrooms need updating?
- Needs new ceiling tiles throughout
- We should install rated doors between the apparatus bays and the living quarters.

I want to thank you for taking your time this evening walking thru Station 2 tonight, your support in fixing these issues are essential to ensure many more years of use in this facility. I also want to ensure our firefighters are operating in a safe and clean environment.

Thanks

Michael Williams

Fire Chief

Robert Seliga

Deputy Fire Chief