

Firehouse Renovation Building Committee, Town of East Haddam

Town of East Haddam  
Firehouse Renovation Building Committee  
December 20, 2017  
Adopted January 3, 2018

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Auld called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Attendance**

Meeting Attendance: Brian Auld, Shawn Daigle, Bruce Dutch, Jennifer Spencer, Michael Davis, Scott Donovan, George Fellner, Ron Turner (Director of Operations), and Ruth Ziobron (Recording Secretary).

Absent Members: Kevin Cavallo, Dean Anderson, Ed Smith, and Raymond Swol.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting dated December 6, 2017.**

**Motion by Mr. Daigle, seconded by Mr. Dutch and unanimously passed to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes with corrected clerical errors.**

**4. New Business**

**A. Moodus Firehouse #2 project**

Mr. Donovan reported the following:

- Thresholds will be delivered and installed next week.
- Remotes will be programmed tomorrow.
- As-built drawings will be given to Mr. Turner next week.

**B. Town Street Firehouse #1 project**

Mr. Fellner reviewed the following job meeting minutes.

Project: East Haddam Company No. 1 Firehouse

Location: Co. 1 Firehouse

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:00am

Attendees: Ron Turner, Director of Operations

James Keaney, Diversity Construction Group

Nick Sorrow, Diversity Construction Group

George Fellner, Fellner Architects

1. - The status of completed construction is as follows:
  - Kitchen cabinets, countertops, sink, and appliances installed.
  - Plumbing waste and supply piping work is complete.
  - Ceramic tile work installed.
  - Painting in bathrooms is complete.

- Bathroom/kitchen/corridor/day room ceiling tiles installed.
  - Round recessed lights have been wire-supported.
  - Toilets and showers have been installed.
  - Water heater and piping connection installed.
  - A.C heat pumps in day room installed.
  - Heating pipes in day room have been relocated (for new opening).
2. The status of remaining construction is as follows:
- Exterior condensers for heat pumps to be set and connected.
  - Vent/fan in electric room to be installed.
  - 4 LED lights in bathrooms and corridor to be installed.
  - Wall behind new lockers in apparatus room to be painted.
  - Plumbing and electrical connections in kitchen to be completed.
  - Emergency pull cord and signal light for bathrooms to be installed.
  - Bathroom sinks to be installed.
  - A threshold will be added at kitchen door.
  - Lockers may be delivered next week and will be installed.
  - Bulletin board will be cut in half and installed in corridor.
  - Exterior door work to be completed.
  - Final cleaning to be completed.
3. James said that they discovered Vermiculite insulation within the concrete block walls (at proposed new exterior door opening). Since Vermiculite from that era typically had asbestos, it will require abatement. Ron contacted Ashis Roychowdhury from Eagle Environmental and learned that they don't test for asbestos but assume that it is present. If the amount of removal is under 25 sq. ft., it will not require the standard 10-day reporting period. James said that he will determine additional cost and provide a change order. Ron said that he will help expedite review/approval in order to maintain construction momentum. In the meantime, George also contacted Ashis later in the day to check about any other requirements. Ashis stated that they will also need to simultaneously do monitoring and air testing, as part of the abatement process. Thus, Diversity Construction will need to schedule and coordinate this work with Eagle Environmental. Mr. Auld asked why this area had not been previously tested by Eagle. Mr. Fellner was unsure why there was no testing. This item will require a change order to expedite sampling tomorrow.

**Motion by Ms. Spencer to approve a Diversity change order in the amount of \$3,864 for the abatement of vermiculite in the bay room door opening. Second by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.**

4. James said that the stove provided by the Fire Dept. is missing a gas pressure regulator at the stove for connecting the gas line. Also, a gas pressure regulator is required at the gas tank. Ron will try and locate these two items from the source location of the stove. If he cannot locate

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these items, he will contact a local propane company to provide and install them.

5. If all goes well, all of the remaining work, with the exception of the epoxy floor in apparatus room (planned for the spring), should be completed by the end of December.
6. George will do an inspection on Friday, 12/22 at 10:00am. Please note that George will be away from office from 12 noon on Friday, 12/22 and returning on Wednesday 12/27. Thus, any punch list will be prepared afterwards.
7. The next (final) meeting to be determined.

**C. Town official updates**

Mr. Turner stated there was a successful walkthrough at Firehouse #2 with the Building Inspector and Fire Marshal.

**D. Bills and Invoices.**

**Motion by Ms. Spencer, second by Mr. Daigle and unanimously passed to approve Diversity Construction Group's invoice in the amount of \$45,101.25.**

**5. General Discussion**

Mr. Dutch warned the new floor at Firehouse #1 was slippery when wet.

It was decided to change the location of the 2018 meeting schedule to the Town Street Firehouse #1.

**6. Overview of next meeting scheduled for January 3, 2018.**

The next scheduled meeting is January 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Town Street Firehouse #1.

**7. Audience of Citizens**-No one was present to comment.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion by Mr. Dutch at 7:41 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Daigle and unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted:

Shawn Daigle  
Secretary