

**SWEDEN Fire Department Building Committee Meeting
April 24, 2007**

MINUTES of Sweden Fire Station Building Committee (SFSBC) regular meeting Tuesday April 24, at the Sweden Town Office

Chairperson Wolfgang Duve called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

PRESENT: SFSBC Chairperson: Wolfgang Duve.

Members: John Smith, Julie McQueen, Rob Slattery, Bill Morriseau

Public: None

ABSENT: Member Wayne Miller

The notes are not necessarily in the order in which things were discussed. They are loosely organized by topic.

The committee briefly discussed the need for more members. Several former members have expressed interest, but were not in attendance at this meeting.

Wolfgang has had problems with his computer so Julie will send the notes from the last meeting and the Denmark Specifications to him again.

The committee discussed the site visit to the Denmark station on April 10th. Wolfgang took 13 photos at the visit, which he will either print out or forward via e-mail to the members. In general, the committee members in attendance were impressed with the building.

Other comments:

- The building is well designed, fits into the neighborhood and is generally aesthetically pleasing.
- The 4 ft of the concrete foundation that is above ground is a great source of potential heat loss. The Denmark Station has insulation on the outside but none on the inside. We will investigate options for insulating the concrete on the inside in addition to that. At the new Magic Lantern in Bridgton they are using a product that is some sort of foam insulation on both sides with concrete in the middle. We think it has an R value of 40 but will look into it.
- The committee also discussed the necessity of having the area that may be used for storage of anything using gasoline 12"-18" below any "living" areas (primarily the area where training would be conducted) while still maintaining ADA requirements. We would probably look at building a gradual ramp (asphalt or concrete) from the front of the building to a rear door for that purpose if it is necessary.
- The Denmark station is simply constructed, with 2 X 6 exterior walls above the concrete foundation and a truss roof.
- We had discussed the possibility of a 60 X 80 (4800 SF) building for Sweden's station.
- The Denmark building is 50 X 70 ft with an additional annex. The Committee members present agreed that maintaining a 50 ft width would keep the cost of the structure down and there is little advantage to any additional width. The additional area could be gained by extending the length of the building. The trusses and walls

would not have to be designed for greater load capacity like they would for a wider building.

- John Smith motioned, and Rob Slattery seconded the motion that the Sweden Fire Station Building Committee pursue the design for a 50 X 80 (or maybe 85) ft building. The committee voted unanimously for limiting the width to 50 ft. We plan to use the additional 10 to 15 feet of length over the Denmark station for storage and a training area.
- Bill Morrisseau will contact Ken Richardson (the Denmark Fire Chief who gave us the tour on April 10th) and request a set of drawings and permission to use them with modifications in the design of our own station. Bill will also ask Ken to speak with the man who did the final design for the Denmark Station (Little Pond) to see if he would be willing to modify the drawings for our increased length and some minor changes, and give us a price to do it. These plans have already been approved by the State Fire Marshall and it would be most cost effective to make use of them rather than start from scratch. We would like a price to make those modifications but want to go through proper channels.
- We had a short discussion regarding site work contractors. We feel that the responsible approach is to get at least three quotes. We would definitely get a quote from Drew who does our Town work. Jeff Ward from Waterford also comes highly recommended, in addition to a couple of other local contractors. We are confident that we have good, reliable contractors in the area and should establish a good set of specifications for the work before pursuing pricing on any items.
- John Smith will look into the design and capacity of both the well and septic system at the new Town office. We have not been able to establish the requirements for either of these items for a Fire Station, but would like to make use of the existing systems if it possible and cost effective.
- There was some discussion about installing a water holding tank (like those currently being installed by developers of subdivisions) at the fire station for filling the fire trucks. The trucks are filled and then stored in the station so that they are ready in case of a fire, which means that this item is not particularly useful at the station. Additional water sources are needed at the fire site.. The committee ultimately agreed that a holding tank at the Fire Station would likely not be worth the expense.
- The well at the Town Meeting House is drilled and the septic is installed in a ROW on the adjacent lot owned by someone else.
- The Town did approve an article at the annual Town Meeting in March of 2004 to take from surplus \$2500 to install a dry hydrant and allow the balance to carry over. The intention was to install the hydrant on the east side of town on what is now Hardscrabble Rd. (See 2003 annual report warrant article 42). The hydrant has not yet been installed. But that money should still be set aside for that purpose.
- We will have to look seriously at drainage and ledge issues on the Fire Station lot. In general, there is no percolation on the land in that area of town.
- The committee agreed that after we get a basic design for the building, we would like to get pricing on both stick built and metal structure options.
- Janet Mahannah has set up a website and we have cleared it with MMA to be sure that it is an appropriate method of sharing public information. We will start using it for the Fire Station Bldg. Committee meeting notes. Julie will forward the link to the

committee members and John will send it to the list of Sweden Citizens that he has. We will share the web address with as many people as we can in order to get information out to people who may be interested and get people involved. We may also advertise this website address in the newspaper.

- We discussed the possibility of getting an accounting of the Fire Station Association and perhaps the by-laws. Again, the committee would like to help people understand the relationship and expenses involved in operating a Fire Dept. Rob Slattery will attend the Selectman's meeting tonight and ask the Selectmen about requesting such a statement. At every Fire Dept meeting, which is held the last Thursday of every month, the treasurer's report is read. Per Bill Morrisseau, the Association is not a 501 C 3 (non-profit).
- Wayne is going to ask Scott Thomas to attend a meeting to discuss grants. Bill gave committee members Scott's phone number and e-mail address. Wolfgang will follow up with Wayne and we will see when Scott is able to attend. We will likely set up an additional meeting for this discussion.
- Bill, John, Julie & Rob will meet at the Bridgton Central Fire Station at 9:00 am on Thursday April 26th to look at an example of a metal building fire station. Wolfgang will go another time (maybe Wed.).
- Bill gave us the following website address: <https://www.llis.dhs.gov> (*Note: this site is a national network of Lessons Learned Information Sharing for emergency response providers and homeland security officials. Qualified users must register to use this site.*)

Assignments from the April 24, 2007 meeting:

- Wolfgang Duve will contact Wayne Miller and follow up on scheduling an additional meeting for Scott Thomas to attend and discuss grant writing and options with us. We would like to advertise this meeting in the paper so any interested parties may attend.
- Wolfgang Duve will either print out or forward to the committee members via e-mail the 13 photos he took at the Denmark site visit.
- Bill Morrisseau will contact the Denmark Fire Chief regarding the potential use of their plans (and modifying them) for our proposed fire station. He will also ask about getting permission to have Little Pond (the people that drew them up and stamped them for the Denmark station) modify the drawings. If the Denmark chief is agreeable, we would like to get a price from Little Pond for doing the modifications.
- John Smith will look into the design and capacity of both the well and septic system at the new Town office.
- Rob Slattery will attend the Selectman's meeting tonight and discuss requesting the Fire Association financial statement.
- Julie McQueen will send a brief update to the Selectmen with copies of the recent meeting notes and the website address. She will also forward the meeting notes from this meeting and the website address to the committee members, who will share the address with others. Julie will forward the info from the April 10th meeting to Wolfgang again.