

SWEDEN Fire Department Building Committee May 1, 2007

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MINUTES of Sweden Fire Station Building Committee (SFSBC) special meeting Tuesday May 1, 1007 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, Rob Slattery, Wayne Miller

Public: Patrick and Jane Gibbons, Ken Ford

ABSENT: Member Bill Morrisseau, Julie McQueen

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

An additional meeting was held last Tuesday May 1st. Scott Thomas attended and expressed his willingness to assist the committee with grant research and writing at no cost.

Scott made the following comments and/or suggestions.

- A plus is that Sweden's current fire station is condemned or red flagged.
- Scott asked whether Sweden had engaged/hired an engineer.
- Suggested that Sweden consider using the new Fire Station as a place to house citizens and emergency response personnel in the event of a disaster, as it improves the town's chances of securing federal grants.
- Scott recommends that the town adopt a building plan as a first step.
 - Selectman approval
 - Town approval
- Suggested that we get estimates for work upon plan approval in order to complete grant submissions.
- Recommended that the town not "play grants against one another" as it could hurt the submissions success.

Scott shared the following as it pertains to his experience with the Lovell Fire Station grant and building process.

- Disaster area for all towns' people.
- Has a kitchen and stove.
- Shower mandated by state.
- State of Maine has a grant that would contribute up to \$80k if successful in submission.
- Engineer required plans.

John Smith asked Scott whether the Department of Homeland Security would have any grant money available. Scott stated that he did not know.

He will purchase a book (the committee will reimburse him for this purchase) that is supposed to be available this month that will list all grants available in the State of Maine.

In closing, there was miscellaneous conversation in regards to grants received by the town for the Sweden Town Hall and the Salt/Sand Shed.