



New Fire-Rescue Station Feasibility Study Committee

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SELECT BOARD UPDATE #06

Wednesday November 16, 2022

- **Fire- Rescue Facility Location Study**
 - *An independent data analysis confirmed that the most advantageous location for a new Fire-Rescue Facility would be a location somewhere near the current building.*
- The full report will be posted on the web site
- **Feasibility Study Current Status**
 - Since the Committee's first meeting on 2/3/2022, all authorized building site property options have been explored and none are feasible or available.
 - Private property RFP and targeted letters, yielded no responses
 - Kaestle Boos Associates was contracted in the Spring of 2022 to examine municipally owned sites (Milestone #1 report follows)
- **Kastle Boos Associates (KBA) Feasibility Study Milestone #1 Highlights**
 - Town owned properties were evaluated and proved to be too small and would adversely impact Town Operations currently conducted on these sites.
 - 18 Bay Ridge Lane – former DPW/Natural Resources
 - 139 Main Street – Town Hall Annex
 - 46 Eldredge Park Way - Orleans Elementary School (OES) property was also evaluated based on a concept of acquiring approximately one additional acre adjacent to current Fire-Rescue facility. It is:
 - Within required response time range

- Technically feasible for construction of a new Fire-Rescue Facility
- A very challenging site for construction due to potential abutter interruptions, required easements and/or property acquisitions and topography
- ***Conclusion: Of the locations available for consideration in this study, the 46 Eldredge Park Way Orleans Elementary School site is feasible and in an advantageous location. Due to the noted challenges with this site, the Town of Orleans may want to explore other sites not previously identified that would maintain favorable response times.***
- On 7/13/2022 the Orleans Elementary School Committee voted that it was not in the best interest of the OES Community to continue to participate in the Feasibility Study
 - KBA, in consultation with the Orleans Fire-Rescue staff, conducted an in-depth programming study to determine the projected space needs for a new facility
 - It was reported that an approximate 36,000 square foot building would be required to meet the current and long term needs – the current building is 10,800 square feet
- The full report will be posted on the web site

Recommendations to the Select Board from the Fire-Rescue Station Feasibility Study Committee

- Furlough the New Fire-Rescue Station Feasibility Study Committee
- Select Board acquire a feasible building site, within acceptable response time parameters
- At that time, restart the Fire-Rescue Station Committee

A NEW FIRE-RESCUE FACILITY CONTINUES TO BE AN URGENT NEED FOR THE TOWN OF ORLEANS

Included in Select Board Meeting Packet

- Committee Charge
- RFQ Milestones #1, #2 and #3
- KBA Milestone #1 Report Executive Summary
- Executive Summary and diagrams from independent location study