

Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 Building Committee

Community Input Forum

December 17, 2009

Project History Timeline

- November 2006 - Original proposal voted down
- Voters realized need however concerned that:
 - 6.1 Million dollar cost needed to be reduced
 - Community needed more time to consider the project
 - Better communication with the public was needed
 - Should be considering renovation/addition vs. new facility

Project History Timeline

- 2008 - Building Code changed regarding Essential Service Facility Requirements making the re-use of existing facilities more cost effective
- Mid 2008 - Committee re-established by Fire District to address public concerns and facility needs
- October 2008 - Failure Mode Event Analysis “FMEA”

Project History Timeline

- February 2009 - Grant opportunity surfaced with passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Committee focus re-directed to grant submission preparation which required a building design.
- June 2009 - Grant guidance and applications available

Project History Timeline

- July 10th 2009 – Deadline for Grant Application
 - NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation “SHPO” provided Determination of no historic value.
 - October 2009 - 200 Million dollars available, 9.96 Billion requested, 166 Million distributed

Project History Timeline

- August 17, 2009 - Fire Station Public Informational Meeting - Grant Update
- November 2009
 - Property Survey Initiated – \$2900
 - Drainage Study Initiated - \$5000

Project History Timeline

- At Present - State Environmental Quality Review Act
“SEQRA” – Long Form in process
- Monthly public updates at Board of Fire Commissioner’s
Meetings since mid 2008

About Tonight

- This is the second public meeting on the facility
- There will be more opportunities for the public to contribute
- Meeting was announced through newspaper, local business postings, town-wide email bulletin board, district website, sign board at River Road, reaching out to individuals who had expressed prior interest in the facility and had provided contact information.
- The point of this forum is to reach out to the broadest cross-section of our community

About Tonight

- The building committee will be reaching out to immediate neighbors, community groups, neighboring agencies, and public officials to inform and address their concerns about the facility.
- We are looking for ideas from you on how to best communicate the project activities as we go forward.
- Poor Communication was the primary issue identified through our FMEA process.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



Thoughts,

Questions,

and Concerns