

**Public Hearing
10-06-08**

Fire Station Appropriation

Legal notice is hereby given by the Weston Board of Selectmen of a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 56 Norfield Rd, Weston, CT. The hearing is intended to invite public comment regarding a proposal to be presented to a special town meeting on October 16, 2008 to appropriate \$900,000 in Town funds to assist in the demolition, design, and reconstruction of the Lyons Plain fire station. All are welcome.

Mr. Bliss opened the meeting at 7:41pm

Curtis Gunn, President of the Weston Volunteer Fire Department made a presentation.

He said the building had been there since the early 1950's. Lyons Plain fire house is a first responding engine on that side of Town. The building is in great need of repairs and needs to be replaced. They estimate the cost to be 1.8 million and are asking the Town to fund 50% of the cost. They anticipate the commencement to March 2009 and complete by the end of the fourth quarter of 2009.

He said the numbers on the high side for the building is now \$1,853,000. He said that the Weston Volunteer Fire Department will be responsible for any additional cost to the project. They will either pare back something and if they cannot pare it back they will have to live with it and pay for it. He went through drawing of the building which they have designed to look like a barn. They are hoping to pour the slab in May which is the most intricate part of the building. The slab has to be strong enough to with stand the weight of the vehicle carrying that kind of load. Mr. Gunn went through a timeframe for the construction of the building.

Steve Thomas, Blueberry Hill, said he liked the plan. He wanted to bring up the fact that they have very poor cell tower coverage in that area and wanted to know if the fire department could put a cell tower inside the copular. Mr. Major said that we have an ordinance which prohibits cell towers on private property and although this is a quazzy public use it is private property. Ray Burnstein, Lyon Plain Road agreed with what Mr. Thomas said.

At 7:59 Mr. Bliss closed the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted
Judy M. DeVito
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