MOODUS FIREHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 1
June 16, 2026
6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Mansfield, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. ATTENDANCE

Regular Members Present: Craig Mansfield, Edward Blaschik, Irene Haines, Kevin Rutty, Walter Parkus

Alternate Members Present: Brad Park

Guests: Todd Gelston, Don Angersola

David Stein on Zoom (Silver Petrucelli); Downes Construction: Nicole DeMaio (Zoom), Scott Scholl, Ben Stoner (in person)

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. **Motion:** Edward Blaschik moved, seconded by Kevin Rutty, to approve the May 26, 2026, minutes as presented.

Discussion: None

In favor: E. Blaschik, C. Mansfield, W. Parkus, K. Rutty

Opposed: None

Abstained: I. Haines

Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Continued review of DD Estimate /VE Options**

Dufford Drilling went down about 440 feet for the well to get the required flow of 10 gallons per minute. Craig Mansfield said that all costs, including excavating, exterior costs, special considerations, etc. must be included in the total package before the project can be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance and move forward.

Todd Gelston commented that a firehouse is not just a garage. Many people do not understand how much has changed in the last 20 years; health and safety requirements are different, and the equipment is larger, more complex, and requires more care.

Craig Mansfield said that even if the current building could be brought up to code, there is not enough space to accommodate what needs to be done there now – including training rooms, sleeping facilities, decontamination areas, storage for specialized equipment, etc. Edward Blaschik said that the building was known to be a disposable structure with a limited life span when it was built over 30 years ago and has come to the end of its life. It has had many repairs over the years. Irene Haines suggested making a timeline of what was done over the years.

Nicole DiMaio, who is in charge of the project website, will be creating a FAQ section, and will include health and safety information plus training requirements, call volume, etc. The website will have a QR code. She asked if public tours of the old firehouse have been considered. Craig Mansfield said we have 2 months to advertise it. It may be possible to have an information table at Music on the River.

According to Linda Zemienieski the Bond Council has to create a resolution first, and then it will go before the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to move the project forward to a referendum.
There was a discussion about options for informing people about the project using social media, a short video on the fire department's webpage, having a presence at local events like Music on the River, etc.

B. **Silver Petrucelli & Associates** – Ben Stein said they will have the completed plans by the end of June. Craig would like to have another meeting in a couple of weeks, and Valerie Belles will work on some of the financing numbers. Matt needs to get back to Craig on some of the IT issues.

C. **Bills and Invoices**

Invoice from Dufford Drilling Company
Invoice# 3531 dated 6-15-26 for $20,452
Motion: Edward Blaschik moved, seconded by Kevin Rutty, to approve the invoice as presented.
Discussion: None.
In favor: E. Blaschik, I. Haines, C. Mansfield, W. Parkus, K. Rutty
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion passed.

Invoice from Silver Petrucelli
Invoice # 26-611 dated 6-1-2026 for $5,379.52
Motion: Edward Blaschik moved, seconded by Walter Parkis, to approve the invoice as presented.
Discussion: None.
In favor: E. Blaschik, I. Haines, C. Mansfield, W. Parkus, K. Rutty
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion passed.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Public Hearing Presentation
B. Next Meeting schedule TBD
C. Other .

6. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Edward Blaschik moved, seconded by Kevin Rutty, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.
Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
Martha Hansen,
Recording Secretary