MOODUS FIREHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 2
May 26, 2026
6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Mansfield, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

2. ATTENDANCE

Regular Members Present: Craig Mansfield, Edward Blaschik, Kevin Rutty
Alternate Members Present: Brad Park was authorized to vote in place of Irene Haines
Absent: Irene Haines, Walter Parkus
Guests: Don Angersola; Eric Cantar, Nancy Levesque, David Stein (Silver Petrucelli); Downes Construction: Nicole DeMaio, Scott Scholl

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

M**otion:** Kevin Rutty moved, seconded by Edward Blaschik to approve the May 7, 2026, minutes as presented.
Discussion: None
In favor: E. Blaschik, C. Mansfield, K. Rutty, B. Park
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continued review of DD Estimate /VE Options

B. Silver Petrucelli & Associates – discussion of the project

C. Bills and Invoices
Invoice from Silver Petrucelli reviewed
Invoice# 25-3020 dated 5-1-26 for $2,329.41
Motion: Kevin Rutty moved, seconded by Edward Blaschik, to approve the invoice as presented.
Discussion: None.
In favor: E. Blaschik, C. Mansfield, K. Rutty, B. Park
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion passed unanimously.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Public Hearing Presentation
Craig Mansfield went over the slides and updated the goals and objectives. The charge was approved at a Town Meeting - to demolish the current Moodus firehouse, work with the fire

department to design a new firehouse to meet the needs of the community now and in the future, look for grants and other funding sources, select architects, engineers, and contractors.

Kevin Rutty outlined the service requirements – build the right space for the equipment with appropriate storage, prepare to accommodate changes from volunteer to paid staff, improve the working environment for firefighters and support staff to meet health and safety codes. The facility must meet expanded training and OSHA requirements and deal with the current site and building conditions.

David Stein from Silver Petrucelli will present the site analysis. He will show how the building, which was built primarily as a storage facility, has deteriorated and explain why it needs to be replaced. He will provide a detailed description of the new building and how it meets OHSHA's firefighter health and safety requirements. He will talk about the positive economic benefit and how the new facility will improve community resilience.

Schott Scholl, Downes Construction, will go over the budget and how the cost compares with other firehouses recently built in Connecticut. He will describe the site requirements – no public utilities such as water or sewer- increased the cost and will discuss the project schedule and timeline. A referendum is planned for September. The project will be on an 11-month construction schedule, with the goal to be finished in October, 2027.

Nicole DeMaio, Downes Construction, will be in charge of community outreach for the project. She plans to hold community meetings, meet with town boards and commissions, and engage members of the community. The presentation will be posted on the town website and there will be a QR code at the which will lead to the most current information on the project.

Craig Mansfield estimated that the average house tax assessment increase would be about $64 per hundred thousand per household per year. The committee will be applying for grants and looking for other funding sources to help pay for the project, which is expected to go to a referendum on September 15.

B. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, a Public Hearing, at 7:00 pm

6. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kevin Rutty moved, seconded by Edward Blaschik, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
Martha Hansen,
Recording Secretary