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## Building Committee Minutes 04/07/2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
 MINUTES  
 COMMITTEE MEETING  
 PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE  
 Tuesday, April 7, 2009

PRESENT: John Cole, Chair, William Shea, Mark Miano, Robert Jefferson, Michael Boujoulian, Ron Spangler, Rob Juusola

ABSENT: Suzanne Robinson, Brian Sullivan

GUESTS: Jeffrey Shaw, Donham & Sweeney  
 Kevin Nigro

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The committee reviewed further developed plans for the interior of the building and a number of suggestions were presented to the architect. The committee agreed that four of the proposed solutions should be priced, Highland Station with or without the addition on the rear and Central Station with or without an elevator.

Ron Spangler and Rob Juusola are to review MSBA's actions and report to the committee at the next meeting with their recommendations.

The committee adjourned and went to the Historic Commission's meeting and the architect made a presentation of the slight modifications that would be necessary to both stations. Although there was no formal vote by Historical Committee, they were pleased by the architects presentation. The meeting ended at 9:45pm

The committee unanimously approved the following invoices from the architect:

### Central Station:

2/1/09 -2/28/09 Professional Services	\$5,035.00
Reimbursable	<u>228.62</u>
	\$5,263.62

3/1/09 -3/31/09 Professional Services	\$ 14,310.00
Reimbursable	<u>32.21</u>
	\$ 14,342.21

### Highland Station:

2/1/09 -2/28/09 Professional Services	\$ 3,730.00
Reimbursable	<u>67.65</u>
	\$ 3,797.65

3/1/09 -3/31/09 Professional Services	\$10,680.00
Reimbursable	<u>31.00</u>

\$10,711.00

**Below are the notes of Donham & Sweeney:**

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J. Shaw reported that the mechanical engineer has completed their review of the building and that a draft report was prepared. The report has the same conclusion as the D&S report; all systems need to be replaced.

J. Shaw presented updated plans for the Highland and Central stations. The number of bedrooms in Highland & Central was reduced but most rooms have capacity for 2 beds therefore keeping the total number of beds unchanged. Basement garage doors at Central were configured to accommodate one wider door for apparatus and a smaller door for maintenance. Brett noted that the apparatus floor at the Highland station is very small which compromises the space typically assigned to equipment. Thus pieces are closer to walls and each other than is typical for new stations. The FD lives with the same conditions now and accepts this compromise.

Jeff reviewed the presentation boards for the meeting with the Arlington Historical Commission later in the evening. The sketches depict the proposed lowering of the floor and raising of the arches at the Highland Station apparatus doors as well as the addition of the fire stair and added height to a small room on the West façade to allow head room for an egress stair.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 April. The agenda will include review and acceptance of pricing documents for both buildings.

The group moved to the Whittimore Robbins House for the scheduled informal meeting with the Arlington Historical Commission.

Brett and Jeff briefed the AHC on the changes to the exterior of the Highland Station (lower floor, raise arches, add stair & extend height of one story generator room) and the Central station (re-center pier between garage doors in basement).

Brett and Jeff noted that the designs were preliminary and should the project be funded at Town Meeting the next phase of design would include more thought into the treatment of exterior restoration, roofing materials, fenestration, garage doors and other pertinent details.

The AHC was generally pleased with the presentation and expressed thanks for their inclusion in the process at an early stage.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Shea