

FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD



WATERFORD, CT 06385-2886

Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee Meeting

July 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Robert Tuneski, Rocco Bracciale, Wayne Gilpin, Ted Olynciw, Richard Muckle, Paul Rafuse, Jennifer Bracciale Matthew Blankenship

Members Absent: None

Guests: Fire Services Director Chris Haley, Steve Smith, Eric Cantar, Bob Banning, Treasurer Abbas Danesh, Purchasing Agent Shea Davy

Public Comment: T. Olynciw read and submitted a letter for the record. (Attachment 1)

Opening Remarks: T. Olynciw informed the members that a member of the committee had passed away this past weekend.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by R. Muckle, second M. Blankenship to approve the July3, 2025 minutes
T. Olynciw asked that an amendment be made to "Old Business", letter d.

FOR: Unanimous

Old Business:

Review of Actions:

- a. Cutting back the trees has not occurred to date. Director Haley stated if the decision of the traffic signal is close he recommends to error on the side of keeping it.
- b. E. Cantar will check with the traffic engineer on the status of the DOT permit and will have an update for next meeting.

Current Business:

- a. The presentation of the Oswegatchie Fire Station at the Board of Selectman's 7/22/25 meeting will now be a simple informal presentation with discussions. Individual presentations by the vendors and committee will be given to each board separately. B. Tuneski (ATTACHMENT?)

New Business:

- a. T. Olynciw received a copy of the Town of Waterford Fire Services Historic Studies from Town Clerk David Campo.
- b. W. Gilpin asked about filling the vacancy on the committee left by the passing of the member. It was stated this should go back to David Campo. B. Tuneski and R. Muckle will reach out to D. Campo.
- c. Conversation occurred regarding a possible existing bonding issue. Finance Director, who will return to work 7/21/25, will need to be questioned.
- d. Director Haley spoke to the Station Alerting System. Director Sinagra stated the current equipment requires copper line. The new system would run off fiber which is already running in dispatch. Upgrading the system is quoted as between \$60,000-\$80,000 per fire station.
- e. B. Tuneski suggested the committee scale back the meetings to once per month until the need arises to go back to twice per month.

MOTION by T. Olynciw, second R. Muckle to reduce the meetings to once per month to be held on the first Thursday of the month.

FOR: Unanimous

The next Oswegatchie Fire Station Committee meeting is scheduled for 8/7/25 at 6:30pm.

MOTION by M. Blankenship, second J. Bracciale to adjourn.

FOR: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Finnegan, Recording Secretary