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Richard Gallagher, Chair  
Hyannis Fire Station Building Committee  
Hyannis Fire District

Dear Commissioner Gallagher:

Thank you for the copies of the new plans and for the site plan. We believe that most of our original comments have not been addressed in these new plans. Therefore, we will comment now on the site plan and the more obvious changes on the floor plans.

## Site Plan / Relocation

- Position of Building so that relocation costs are eliminated or minimized– why can't the building be flipped with the administrative side near CVS and the garage and maintenance bay near the corner of Stevens and High School Road Extension? If flipped, the new administrative building could be built with a few bays. After the department has moved to the new building, the old building can be taken down and the remaining bays built. Benefit only one move for the department and the savings of the majority of the relocation costs.
- Parking
  - Why are there 104 parking places when the entire staff of the fire station is in the mid 50's?
  - Why are there 3 handicap parking spaces at the back of the building and only 2 at the front door?
- Maintenance Bays/ Garage
  - We question the separation of the maintenance area from the rest of the building. We do not believe it will save enough money to offset the inconvenience and cost of operation. Also, the "new" maintenance building with the same functions (-) emergency electric (+) yard storage & toilet has grown from +/- 2,350sf to +/- 4,800sf. Why?
  - Originally we had suggested cutting a bay from the maintenance area and one from the garage. Now, however, we believe a better alternative is to but one maintenance PO bay in the garage and eliminated the maintenance area as a separate area. The garage area would maintain its current size with one bay dedicated to maintenance.
  - If the maintenance building can be of different materials, why can't the garage be made of the same materials?
- Historic fire trucks

- Why can they not remain where they are?
- Why do we need a huge lobby area for one of them? Also how does the antique truck in the lobby in the plans get in and out of the building? At what cost?
- What are the ??roads/walkways at the front door area? How do the fire trucks get out the back of the property? Seems to require quite a few turns.
- Square off building as you said you had done but didn't and eliminate the hose tower

### **Comments on Revised Plans**

- Inside vehicle parking
  - How many vehicles of what types do you now have? How many of these are not inside now?
  - How many vehicles are in the plans for inside parking?
- Bunk rooms – In the redesign they were all moved from interior walls to outside walls. Do we now need to buy room darkening window treatments so the firemen/women can sleep?
- Why does dispatch have a bed, a break room, a bathroom and two desks? Should not the dispatcher be awake?
- Why has the fitness area grown from 673sf to 770.80sf and the shower/changing/lockers grown by an additional 20sf?
- What is the FPO space?
- Space for the community room is now called training room and any space removed from the room has been added to the chair room. What are we accomplishing by this change?

Also so that we can better understand where we are now and where the plans take us, we would like to know the breakdown of square footage of the administrative functions and also the garage function in the current station and the square footage of the proposed administrative functions and the garage/maintenance sections.

As requested before we look forward to understanding the total costs of this project including land, architect/design, building, site preparation and landscaping, relocation if still needed demolition of church and current station and furnishings.

We also are very interested in your education plans for rolling this plan out to the taxpayers before the vote. We strongly recommend that the presentation be taped and run on the community channel. This presentation should include the questions and comments from the audience.

We look forward to our session on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

The GHCA Fire Station Review Subcommittee

Bill Cronin, Deb Krau, Ed Mackay, Tony Pelletier

Cc: GHCA Board of Directors