

## **Berkshire Fire Station Information**

A committee was formed by the Fire commissioners in January of 2007 to look at the current conditions at the fire station and the future needs of the district.

In February of 2007 work was started on a Facility condition report with the assistance of a professional architect who volunteered his services.

Information was collected on current condition of the station, code compliance, current and past use of the station by the community, future requirements for fire fighting, etc.

The committee visited several other fire stations in the area and collected information on sizes, original costs and what they would do different if building again.

In August of 2007 a mailing on the conditions at the Berkshire Fire Station was sent to all residents of the Berkshire Fire District.

An information meeting was held on August 30, 2007 at the station for the residents of the fire district.

An underground fuel tank was discovered during the study. The community room addition was built over the top of the tank. It was opened, checked for leaks, and filled in compliance with the law.

The report was completed and submitted to the Fire Commissioners in November of 2007.

In January of 2008 the Commissioners agreed to continue the committee with the addition of the Board of Fire Commissioners as members. The charge of the committee was to investigate building a new station and all related issues.

The committee discussed and drafted several different floor plans.

The committee became aware of a possible grant from New York State to study shared services and approached Richford about the study. Richford was not interested.

At the current time the Fire Commissioners have hired an architect to provide the District with plans and costs estimates for building a new fire station. The architect has been given direction that it is not to exceed one million dollars.

The Commissioners and Committee encourage all residents of the Fire District to attend the meetings and express your ideas. There will be information meetings in the future.

Sub-committees are currently working on possible funding sources, ways to keep the residents informed, plans, and timelines.

Committee meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> wed. of the month 7: pm  
Commissioner meetings 4<sup>th</sup> wed of the month 7: pm  
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