MOODUS FIREHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 1
July 1, 2026
6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Craig Mansfield, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

2. ATTENDANCE

Regular Members Present: Craig Mansfield (Zoom), Edward Blaschik, Kevin Rutty (Zoom)
Alternate Members Present: Brad Park
Absent: Irene Haines, Walter Parkus
Guests: Eric Cantar (Silver Petrucelli); Downes Construction: Nicole DeMaio, Ben Stoner (Zoom)

Craig Mansfield authorized Brad Park to vote in place of Irene Haines.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Kevin Rutty moved, seconded by Edward Blaschik, to approve the June 16, 2026, minutes as submitted.
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

- Craig emailed the FAQs that he, David Stein, and Nicole Demaio, created.
- The main issue now is timing to schedule the referendum for September 15. The Board of Finance canceled their July 13 meeting and rescheduled it for July 27. This makes time tight for the Board of Selectmen meeting on August 5 so the project can move forward.
- The Board of Finance seems not to be fully aware of the project. Todd Gelston attends Board of Finance meetings and mentions it every month in his report. The Board approved funds to switch from a renovation committee to a building committee and to hire architects and a construction company.
- Silver Petrucelli and Downes Construction will create a slide deck presentation, including links to the public hearing and website, for the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. It will be presented to the Board of Finance at their July 27 meeting.
- Approval at a referendum in September, or possibly early October, is required in order to start construction this fall. A late start will impact the cost of the project.
- Downes Construction will find out how the schedule would be affected if groundbreaking/construction was delayed.

- There was a discussion to add a public comment section to the agenda and schedule another public hearing.
- Edward Blaschik will look into having an information table at town events (Music on The River, etc.). Downes Construction will create a document for these events.
- Cost is the main issue people will need to understand to support the project.
- Kevin Rutty will ask the Fire Department to make videos showing the condition of the Firehouse by the middle of July. These can be included with the packet for the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.
- Next MFBC meeting will be on July 23, 6 pm, with a public comment section starting a 7pm, including a brief overview of the project.
- Edward Blaschik asked what we need from the Board of Finance. Craig replied:
    1. The Board of Finance needs to support the project so that the Bond Council can draw up the Bonding Resolution.
    2. The Bonding Resolution then goes to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
    3. Next the Bonding Resolution goes back to the Board of Finance for approval.
    4. Then the Board of Finance moves it to a Town Meeting where the referendum date is set.
- Board of Finance needs the information before July 27 in order to vote to support the project at their August meeting so the project can stay on schedule. Craig is working with Valerie Belles, Finance Director, to determine the cost for the Bond Council to write the resolution.

A. Silver Petrucelli & Associates – Eric Cantar agreed to work with Downes to create a slide deck for the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. He said they have no outstanding budgetary items and gave an update on the well from Dufford Drilling.

B. Bills and Invoices – none

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Public Hearing Presentation - none

B. Next Meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026, at 6 pm, with public comment at 7 pm.

C. Other - none .

6. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Edward Blaschik moved, seconded by Brad Park, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
Martha Hansen,
Recording Secretary