

The North Conway Water Precinct has begun investigation into replacement of its existing Fire Station, located in the heart of North Conway Village. The existing station was built in 1960 and no longer meets the health, safety, and space requirements needed to accommodate the significant development within the Precinct's fire service area and modern firefighter protections. A feasibility study conducted by the Precinct in 2008 determined that the location in the Village was the ideal physical location for the fire station and this investigation will focus on providing a new fire station at the existing location.

The Precinct has hired REI Service Corporation (REISC) of Manchester & Sugar Hill, NH as Project Manager to represent the interests of the Precinct over the course of the project. REISC is a multi-faceted real estate firm founded in 1981 engaged in real estate consulting, development, and commercial property management. Allan R. Clark, principal of REISC, has developed just under half a billion dollars of real estate in New Hampshire over his career. In addition to his work with REISC, Mr. Clark is the Fire Chief in Sugar Hill and serves on the NH Board of Fire Control and the NH Fire Standards and Training Commission as appointee of the Governor. REISC has extensive experience with and knowledge of municipal building construction, particularly fire and police stations, and is currently serving as Project Manager for a new Town Hall and Public Safety Building in the Town of Carroll.

Samyn-D'Elia of Holderness, NH has been hired by the Precinct to work with REISC and Precinct Staff to develop a conceptual design, to include a floor plan and exterior design, for the proposed new fire station. An important goal of this initial design will be to meet the needs of a modern firefighting facility while creating a building that will uphold the historic character of North Conway Village. Samyn-D'Elia was founded in 1980 and has significant experience in commercial, educational, medical, State of NH, and municipal projects, many of which are historic in nature and highly visible. Ward D'Elia, one of the firm's founding Principals, will serve as Project Architect.

Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, chair of the Precinct's Fire Expansion Committee (FEC), had this to say about the team working on the project. "The Committee has been working hard to pull together this team. We are fortunate to have found a Project Manager (Allan R. Clark) with experience not just building fire stations, but also working out of them over the course of his career. Samyn-D'Elia has a demonstrated track record of designing projects that meet the budgetary requirements of their clients and also fit in with the historical character of North Conway Village."

The conceptual design process is now underway, and the Precinct recognizes the importance of public input at this early stage of planning/design. A public hearing for the purpose of public comment will be held following the regular quarterly Commissioner's meeting on November 13th at 7:00 PM. The public hearing portion of the meeting will open at 7:15 PM. Both REI Service Corporation and Samyn-D'Elia Architects will be in attendance to present initial concepts for the floor plan and exterior design of the proposed new fire station.

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