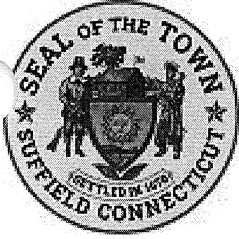


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TOWN OF SUFFIELD

**MEETING MINUTES
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

**Locations: Town Hall
83 Mountain Road
Suffield, CT**

Meeting Name: Permanent Building Commission

By: Kristen Lambert - Recording Secretary

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Permanent Building Commission Members Present

Kevin Goff - Chairman, Glenn Neilson - Vice Chairman (via Zoom), Joe Sangiovanni, Cathie Ellithorpe, Brian Baril, Marty Page and Henry Miga

Absent

Billy Gozzo

Also Present

Colin Moll – First Selectman, Scott Cunningham – Fire Chief, Lee Corbert – Director of Public Works, Scott Pellman and Anthony Deluzio – Colliers, Jeff Wyszynsk, Jeff McElravy and Rebecca Hopkins - Tecton

Chairman Kevin Goff called the Regular Meeting of the Permanent Building Commission to order for Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting began late due to an earlier joint meeting with the Board of Education that ran longer than expected.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2026

Tabled.

Updates

Suffield Middle School

Scott Pellman, Jeff Wysinski and Jeff McElravy, provided updates and next steps for the middle school renovation project. Updates included an overview of the project's progress, including the development of a draft EDSPEC and plans for conceptual space allocations. Tecton will work on renovation concepts for the existing middle school property, with initial designs expected within the next two weeks. The group discussed the need for a feedback loop with the Board of Education and potential adjustments to the EDSPEC. They also touched on demographic studies and enrollment projections, emphasizing the importance of monitoring actual enrollment numbers against projections.

Firehouse One

Rebecca Hopkins and Anthony DiLuzio addressed the commission regarding the Firehouse One project. The group discussed the timeline for reviewing and approving the Firehouse Programming and Space Needs Study, noting that the draft is available via the group email and will be reviewed over the next one to two meetings. Mr. DiLuzio indicated that the building program size will be presented to the board soon, emphasizing the importance of confirming the appropriate size and site early to avoid unnecessary design work and added costs.

The group discussed the space needs analysis, which is based on a blank-slate approach and can apply to new construction, renovations, or additions. The program prioritizes efficiency, consolidation, and multifunctional use while starting with core department needs. Key spaces include public access areas, administrative offices, a 12-person multi-purpose classroom, living quarters with a day room, dining area, study/library, four firefighter bunks and one officer bunk/workstation, unisex showers for post-fire hygiene, and apparatus bays. The proposed layout includes three single-deep frontline bays, one auxiliary bay, a 50-foot apron, proper turning radii, a private staff entry, a mother's room, and the potential for a mezzanine and training tower integration.

The preliminary design outlines a 15,680-square-foot facility with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$20 million, compared to the existing 6,000-square-foot station. Members expressed concern about the significant size increase and overall financial feasibility, particularly in a tight budget environment. The team agreed to explore whether the program could fit within or be added to the existing building before advancing new construction. Next steps include developing a "minimum viable setup" that distinguishes fixed versus flexible spaces, identifying opportunities to reduce square footage and improve circulation efficiency, conducting a conceptual site test fit, preparing cost scenarios, and developing a clear justification to communicate the project's value to voters.

Public Works

Lee Corbett reported on bridge repair at Bruce Park, with engineering work expected to take 8-10 weeks and upgrade the bridge for vehicular use. HVAC system replacements were discussed for both the town hall and police station, with the police station project awaiting town budget approval.

School Facilities

Facilities Director Larry Plano was not in attendance but provided Chairman Goff reported that glycol systems had been installed in the Spaulding, McAlister and Middle school buildings to prevent freezing, at a cost of \$29,000. He also reviewed damage costs from recent flooding and power surges at McAllister and Spaulding

schools, with insurance covering most costs except \$10,000 deductibles. He also reported on the results of the Annex feasibility study.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Don Miner, 1855 Mapleton Avenue

Amanda Thibedeau, 1510 N. Stone Street

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Permanent Building Commission will be held on March 19, 2026.

Commissioner Miga MOTIONED and Commissioner Baril seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Lambert

Recording Secretary