

# *Town of Bethlehem Planning Board*

## **Work Session Site Visit**

**September 26, 2012**

**6 p.m. on Trudeau Road**

**Present:** Mike Bruno, Patrick Doughty, Donald Lavoie, Dianne Lambert, Secretary

**Excused:** Jeanne Robillard, Mark Fiorentino, Andrea Bryant, Pat Roy, Harold Friedman

Present at the site was Sugar Hill Fire, Bethlehem Fire and the Fire Academy Representatives.

The Fire Academy needs no local permits from the Town. This is an informational hearing for the Planning Board in hopes to get its support for the project.

The lot is a 12.12 ac and now has 3 existing buildings. Map 422 Lot 005-001

The property will be owned by the State of New Hampshire and operated by the NH Fire Academy and will be called the North Country Fire Training facility.

The facility will construct a new 4-story burn building where small controlled fire can be built for training. The controlled fire will be contained within the Burn Building.

The larger garage will house one office, class rooms and storage.

The facility will be used typically a few nights a week and a few weekends. The night hours will be 3 to 4 hr until about 8 or 9 pm. The weekend hours will be from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The classes will have approximately 24 to 28 firefighters at the training site and normally no more than two (2) fire trucks.

Donald Lavoie arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Fire in the building will be consisting of a 55 gallon barrel with chopped up pallets and hay to create heat and smoke. In some instances a smoke machine will be use to create more smoke for training. The water usage will be less than 100 gallons.

The Fire Academy or the Bethlehem Fire Department is hoping to do an Open House next year.

If they grow beyond what is presented are they willing to come back to the Planning Board. They are willing ask and let us know.

There have been many concerns about the noise. Swazey Lane residents have concerns about the noise level. It was stated that Swazey Lane is  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the site and it is all woods.

Patrick Doughty thanked them for the presentation on behalf of the Planning Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 a.m.

Fire Academy provided handout and they are attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Lambert, Secretary  
Bethlehem Planning Board