

Q. Who sits on the Community Liaison Committee (CLC)? How were the members selected? What do they do?

A. The CLC's members are: Kirtley Cameron, Mufit Cinali, Ellis Cousens, Christina Dochtermann, Charles Goldman, Anna Kennof, Joe McKenney and Paul Thomasset.

The group was initiated and convened in April, 2019 by a member of the community to represent the varying views (half NO and half YES votes on the original proposal) and to ensure that diverse views were fully represented to the BVFD in the planning related to the new firehouse project moving forward. The CLC, and their opinions and activities, are independent of the BVFD and BFD.

The eight members were intentionally selected from a diverse applicant pool: the committee had to represent a broad cross-section of professional backgrounds and experiences, and be willing to contribute their opinions productively. CLC members offer professional expertise and deep experience in the following sectors: architecture, construction, business, finance, community organizing, real estate, and engineering.

The CLC published two opinion pieces; one in September 2019 and another in December 2019. In those documents, they concluded:

- Remaining in the existing firehouse is operationally, logistically and financially not feasible.
- The cost of the new firehouse reflects fiscal prudence and is in-line with those of similar fire districts.
- The new design is in keeping with the aesthetic of the town, is responsive to the needs of the residents and will allow the BVFD to operate in a safe and responsive manner into the future.

The CLC further stated "ALL the members of the CLC plan to vote IN FAVOR of the bond proposal on January 14, 2020 to fund a new firehouse and recommend that all our Bedford neighbors do the same."

Questions to the CLC, including requests for copies of their opinion pieces, can be emailed to: CLCBFD@gmail.com.