

New Firehouse Project Update for the Public - April 2021

The construction bids came in for the new headquarters at 550 Old Post Road, and the news was good. The project garnered wide interest in the local and tri-state construction community, bids were opened on March 30, 2021, in a public Zoom meeting, and we are happy to have received multiple bids in each of the six categories.

Number of bids in each category:

- 12 sitework
- 13 general construction
- 14 mechanicals
- 6 electrical
- 9 plumbing
- 3 fire protection

On April 12, 2021, the District awarded five contracts to the low bidders in their respective categories.

In the GC category, the Fire District's Construction Manager, Arris Construction, is still vetting potential responsible bidders. We expect to have a contract to award soon.

The contracts we awarded and expect to be able to award allow us to remain within the budget we projected and communicated to the public in the lead-up to the January 2020 bond vote.

The site preparation will begin soon. You will see changes before the end of this month.

Site preparation is expected to last four to five weeks, weather permitting. First, the construction area will be cleared. This will look very different when you are passing by: the roughly 3 acres to be cleared front Route 22, so you will be able to see all of the trees that come down. Initial work will also include proper retention and notification fencing to protect the delineated wetlands on the site.

Inside the construction area, there are two mature trees that we will fence off to protect; a maple and an oak. The other trees are either inside the finished construction boundary, or they are invasive species, or they are native species which have been compromised by invasives and/or vines and cannot be saved. Once construction is complete, we will use native trees and grasses in our landscaping and re-planting.

We will continue to issue updates as the project progresses. Thanks to everyone for the support as we strive to serve the community's needs now and for the next century!

Sincerely,
The Commissioners of the Bedford Village Fire District

Heather Feldman, Chair
Kyle Carleton, Deputy Chair
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