

Waitsfield Town Property - Fire Station/Wait House

1. The property currently houses or supports the following community facilities/functions:

- a. Fire Department
- b. Elementary School
- c. Ambulance
- d. Senior meals
- e. Cemetery

As planned the property will, in the near future, support the:

- f. Wait House; Mad River Valley Planning District
Historical Society
Chamber of Commerce
Others?

- a. Fire Department:
 - The building is non-contributing structure in the Village Historic District;
 - poorly sited (pulled back too far from Route 100 disrupting the historic pattern of development and blocking views to the cemetery, floodplain, River and Scragg Mountain in the distance)
 - of poor architectural quality
 - houses several important uses (listed above)
 - will be adequate for fire department use for the foreseeable future if the ambulance service moves as planned.
 - prefer no interface between emergency vehicles and others along the drive (currently they interface with the Seniors)
- b. Elementary School:
 - have preferred location for addition some time in the future
 - do not want to lose any playing field
 - would like additional play area
 - prefer little or no interface with vehicles of non-school use
- c. Ambulance:
 - actively looking for new space because they need more room and a more “up to code” facility
- d. Senior Meals
 - the fire station is an inadequate facility for senior meals
- e. Cemetery
 - cemetery is lost behind the fire station
 - cemetery currently has easement which should be maintained
- f. Wait House
 - needs more visibility when entering from the north in order to get people’s attention
 - residential scaled building
 - plan needs to accommodate new uses

Other Issues to Consider:

- creating an entrance into town from the North
- slowing the speed of traffic through design and uses
- Municipal needs: Town Offices
meeting place
adequacy of Library basement
Town Clerk prefers office remaining in the Historic Village
- protection of the Mad River and Flood Plain for continued agricultural use and/or public land