

Maynard Fire Department

As most of you may be aware, the Maynard Fire Department was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant last summer. The grant was written in 2015 in the hopes of securing funds to replace an aging aerial ladder. The award was \$750,000 dollars and represents almost 75% of the total cost of the new aerial. The new aerial is a quint, which means it can operate as an Engine or a Ladder. The grant was written this way because we are actually replacing both the existing aerial and a 26 year old engine. Our thought was that asking for federal funds to replace two, older and less safe vehicles would enhance our chances of being awarded this very competitive grant. This approach may have led to our success in being awarded the grant, and when it arrives over the summer we will in fact be getting rid of two older pieces of fire apparatus.

One of the drawbacks of the new aerial is directly related to one of the biggest deficiencies of our existing station, and that is height. The new aerial has a height of 11'10", give or take, which is consistent with other similar apparatus in the area. The existing aerial is about 9'6", and was in fact one of only three, custom made aerials that size ever produced by E-One.

As a result of this, we sought and were granted funds at the Annual Town Meeting this past Monday, to purchase and construct a temporary shelter for the new aerial truck. We are hopeful this is a temporary measure that will not be needed for more than a few years until a new fire station can be built, hopefully! The cost of this structure is estimated to be around \$50,000 with set-up, electricity, heat, and an improved surface for it to sit on.

Once a new fire station is completed, this temporary structure can be re-used by another town department such as the DPW. This structure meets the appropriate building codes and is sufficient to protect a \$1,000,000 investment on a temporary basis. Below, we have provided some photos of what the structure will look like except it will be much smaller. The photos are of the structure being used in West Concord while their sub-station is being rebuilt after a fire in January.



