

## **BALLARDVALE FIRE STATION LAND PURCHASE**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire 8,000 square feet more or less combined of land from the two parcels adjoining the BallardVale Fire Station property site also known as Parcels 017 and 019 on Town Assessor's Map 137, said land for the proposed addition to the Station and to appropriate \$200,000 or a lesser amount for the purchase thereof and to raise said sum by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of the foregoing, or take any other action related thereto.

*Explanation: The BallardVale Fire Station site is not large enough to accommodate an addition. Abutters have been contacted and have expressed a willingness to consider the sale of portions of their property for the proposed addition after favorable action by Town Meeting. The funds requested should be sufficient to engage in meaningful negotiations at that time.*

**Approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s Majority (291/110) at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 2014.**

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## **BALLARDVALE FIRE STATION ADDITION**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the preparation of plans and specifications including working drawings and bid documents for the construction of an addition to, and the renovation of the present BallardVale Fire Station and to raise said sum by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of the foregoing, or take any other action related thereto.

*Explanation: Article 26 is an alternative to replacing the BallardVale Fire Station recommended by the BallardVale Fire Station Site Selection Committee. It proposed instead to keep the Station in service indefinitely at its present location by acquiring additional land adjoining the present site (\$200,000) and planning funds for a modest 2,500 square foot addition to increase building space for a standard fire engine and an ambulance and renovation of the station (\$200,000) as living and administration quarters, respectively. Funding for the addition and renovation would be postponed to a subsequent Town Meeting. It is anticipated that these measures would cost approximately \$2 million versus \$6 million for its replacement.*

**Approved by a Simple Majority at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 2014.**

**Conceptual Rendering of the Renovated and Expanded Ballardvale Fire Station - 2014**

