

## **FIRE STATIONS BUILDING COMMITTEE**

After decades of debate, years of planning and 18 months of construction, in October, 2006, the Belmont Fire Stations Building Committee ceremoniously at the dedication handed the keys to Belmont's two new fire stations to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. In so doing, the Committee fulfilled one half of its promise of "on time and on budget".

From the beginning of construction until the dedication of the buildings, the Committee, and particularly a small working group, closely monitored the construction of both stations through to completion. In addition, we planned and procured the furnishings of the buildings as well as securing and implementing a security system and other systems to bring the buildings online as fully operational first responder public safety buildings.

We engaged the services of a professional commissioning engineering firm to double check the operational performance of all the mechanical systems and components of the buildings. As expected, some bugs were found but the problems were resolved before the contractors were paid. The commissioning by an independent third party firm is strongly recommended by our Committee to all future building committees. We worked closely with Mr. Kevin Looney, Belmont's Manager of Building Services throughout the commissioning phase and the process of turning the buildings over to the Town.

Are we done? Not quite. There are minor punch list items and we intend a careful walk through and review of all aspects of both buildings prior to the expiration of the one-year warranty on many of the systems. It is anticipated at that time, we will ask to be dissolved and we expect to fulfill the other half of our promise namely "on budget". Indeed, we hope to be a little bit under budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert E. McLaughlin, Sr., Chairman