

## The Building Committee

After the purchase of the Wanser Property adjacent to the existing Fire Station, the Article 24 Committee became the Building Committee charged with the goal of building a new Fire Station.

The building Committee is made up of nine members – Dr Jack Sarmanian, Selectman/Chair, John Johnson, Selectman, Stuart Smith, Selectman, Susan Carlton, Architect, James McQuiade, Architect, Michael Smith, Ronald Carey, Roy Potter, Fire Chief, and Larry Omland, Assistant Fire Chief. During this past year some repairs were made to the existing building while the Committee explored funding possibilities as well as exploration of other Fire Stations. The Committee visited several other Stations and did extensive research on design possibilities to develop its new Structure on our new site. At present, the new Fire Station will be a 6800 square foot building having an apparatus bay and administrative offices that will fulfill all the codes and regulatory requirements of the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Federal Government.

On March 27,2010, the Committee held an Informational Hearing for the Town defining the need, the design and the funding possibilities to build the Fire Station. The Committee has strong support of the Selectmen's Office, the Fire Department, the State Fire Marshall's Office, and the Maine Municipal Association for this extremely important goal for our Community. Edgcomb Citizens throughout the year have shown their support for the Fire Department being aware of the status of the existing Station and its potential safety issues and difficulties for the Edgcomb Firefighters. At this time, the Department is in major development phase for new recruits to enhance its capability to better the Community.

At this year's Town Meeting , the Building Committee will present the condition of the existing Station, the design of the new Station, its cost and the seeking and acquisition of a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan of \$675,000 – a thirty year amortized loan to begin construction of our new Fire Station in the Spring 2011. Most importantly, the Board of Selectmen has received approval from Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development to use our TIF funds to help pay for the new Fire Station.

This undertaking will be one of the most important goals that the Edgcomb Community will deal with in the coming years – that of the capital expense of building a new Fire Station. With this charge at this year's Town Meeting, the Edgcomb Community will come forward for the building of its new Fire Station to assure maximum safety of its firefighters and protection of our Community.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dr. Jack Sarmanian, Selectman  
Chair, The Building Committee