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Ground has been broken for the construction of the new Ticonderoga Emergency Squad building at the site of the former Ticonderoga Civic Center between The Portage and Lake Champlain Avenue. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, EMT Joelle Stonitsch, driver Mickey Fitzgerald, building contractor Don Paige, squad President Rick Morse, medical assistant Patty Cook and attendant Ryan Wendell. [Photo by Nancy Frasier.](#)



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The new Ticonderoga Emergency Squad building will be 4,100 square feet with two drive through bays, a meeting room, offices and sleeping quarters. The architect is Steve Jung of Schroom Lake.

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After months of legal delays, a ceremony marked the start of the project June 26. The squad is building a new 4,100 square feet home at the site of the former Ticonderoga Civic Center between The Portage and Lake Champlain Avenue.

"It's been a long and sometimes difficult road," said Sue Johnson, squad vice president. "We ran into several issues with the deed to the property, but they have all been addressed and our financing has been approved. We're ready to go."

The Ticonderoga Emergency Squad began a fund raising campaign for a new facility in 2009 when the town board sold the volunteer group land for \$1 — with conditions.

The squad needed to have the money for a new facility in hand in two years and construction must be complete in another two years or the land reverts back to town ownership.