

FDAC

Minutes January 23, 2020

Present: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Wes Staples, Bob Bartlett, Scott Talbot, Budget Committee members Susan Finnegan, Dean Priebe, and Richard Paul, Selectman Russ Austin, Owners' Representative Steve Horton, Project Manager Randall Walter, and resident Jason Bafundi.

Meeting convened at 3:00 pm.

Steve Horton started the meeting by presenting the challenges facing the committee with respect to the proposed site.

- Wetlands: There is concern regarding the stream. The surrounding area is not to be mown, as the State is aware of it and it is a registered entity.
- Storm water: It is necessary to retain as much water on site as possible and to maintain a ratio of the volume to the site size. A variance may be in order, with a possibility of underground retention.
- Waste water: The leach field will need to be constrained. No setbacks will be possible. A variance may also be in order.
- Water Supply: The supply is okay, but some lies within the protected well radius, so a variance may be in order here, as well.

The challenge to the project manager will be to construct a building that the men want, within the parameters listed.

The discussion then went to price estimates for the necessary work for the required adjustments to the property. It was suggested that a civil engineer should be brought on board to evaluate the site work that will be necessary, and Rob Hitchcock's name was mentioned as a possibility, if he is amenable to that plan.

Expressing that the building needs to be as compact and efficient as possible while keeping the budget the same, Randall then produced some tentative floor plans for discussion. There were two versions, each with a footprint of 6,400 square feet.

- There will be three doors and the trucks will be stacked.
- Keep the station as far from the apron as possible.
- Separate areas of equipment bays and personnel use.
- Operations: Combine area functions, i.e., small meeting rooms within offices.

With the floor plans in sight, the conversations covered plowing accessibility, parking area, esthetics, parking area surfaces, setbacks, which version least affected the wetlands, and, finally, the septic system. This brought a whole new set of concerns and suggestions, as the Town Hall is in need of a new system, which had been planned to be incorporated with the new fire department facility system. The consensus was that when the design for the Town Hall's system were drawn, it would include plans for the fire department system to be added at a later date.

Following that, the committee then discussed plans for presentation to the upcoming town meeting. There will be presentation-level drawings available within the current budget, open to townspeople's suggestions and observations. It was mentioned that perhaps, after the footprint and orientation is approved, the building could be staked out on the site so people could see where it will sit.

The question was also raised regarding contacting the DOT to get them involved in the site plans. Randall suggested that they be apprised of what has been tried, what was being planned, and then seek their recommendations.

The full committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020. The FDAC members will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 28, to discuss the progress of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett