

FDAC

Minutes January 28, 2020

Present: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Wes Staples, Bob Bartlett, Scott Talbot, Clyde Simino, and Project Manager Randall Walter.

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

A motion to accept the minutes from the November 21, December 12, and January 23 meetings was made by Harry Nelson and seconded by Scott Talbot.

Members were presented with copies of the design plans that had been discussed at the January 23 meeting. Two main points then became the focus of the meeting. First, Randal offered four additional placements of the proposed building.

1. Move design A1.0 as far towards the town hall as the setback would allow.
2. Move design A1.0 back parallel to the rear setback as much as possible.
3. Move design A1.1 (rotation of A1.0) towards the setback near the town hall.
4. Move the design to the rear of the lot.

With these options, it gives the DOT and DES more to consider. There may be conflicting opinions between these two offices, so it helps that there are choices for them to see.

The second topic of the night was the building itself. The committee was asked what they liked, what they thought should be changed, and what they felt was lacking in the design. This is the department's domain, while the location and/or orientation will be decided by other agencies. The committee is charged with presenting the most efficient, reasonable station to the town for construction.

From there, topics of discussion included the possibility of using the right of way along route 63 as an access road, should the station be placed to the rear of the lot. Also, there were concerns relating to storage area in the design, with many good suggestions made which Randall said could be incorporated. Solar panels vs solar fields were mentioned, and it was explained that they were issues to be determined later on when the roof line was set. When parking area and turning radius were brought up, it was explained that those issues would also be dependent on the final location of the station. The question regarding budget was raised, and Tom will contact the Board of Selectmen regarding the amount to be requested at the town meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett