

Minutes June 18, 2020

Present: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Wes Staples, Bob Bartlett, Scott Talbot, Randall Walter, Jo Ann LaBarre, Steve Horton, Rob Hitchcock and assistant Liza, Mike Petrovick and assistant

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the February 27 meeting were read and accepted.

Tom started the meeting by establishing the goal of moving forward with the project. The principal players were in attendance and the committee is anxious to proceed.

Steve asked Rob to give a report of his recent meeting with the DOT. While originally the DOT did not look favorably on the site plan, they accepted the fact that there were few options available. At the recent meeting, with an older rendition of the footprint, the main concern was curb cuts. They will allow only one curb cut, to be placed between the original property line and the western boundary line. There is still a concern about site distance, but this new stipulation regarding the single curb cut would be acceptable. As Rob made clear, the formal site plan application needs to be submitted for approval. Mike added that by turning the building, a better solution would be achieved for the safety of people on the road.

Steve asked if the committee had considered alternative sites, and was told that the committee had found no alternatives in the center of the town.

Randall made the suggestion or request that in the future, when Steve meets with the BOS to discuss the fire station project, a member of the committee should be in attendance to improve committee involvement and foster communication.

From here the discussion was predominantly among Steve, Mike, and Rob, all relative to what steps would follow and who would do what first. The plan at this point is that Mike will submit his conceptual plan of the site and building footprint to Steve. Jo Ann mentioned that the BOS will have to approve the plan before further work is done. Steve will make a presentation to the BOS at their next meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Discussion following that plan included questions regarding the wetlands impact on parking, storm drainage issues, fire suppression system, and the septic system which may service the town hall and the fire station.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

