

Minutes November 24, 2020

Present: Tom Finnegan, Harry Nelson, Wes Staples, Bob Bartlett, Graham Gitchell, and Randall Walter

Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 22 meeting was made by Graham and seconded by Wes.

Tom began the meeting with an agenda relating to the importance of public relations – how will the committee educate the townspeople/voters prior to March town meeting?

Many suggestions and ideas were presented:

- A committee member(s) should attend the Finance Committee meetings to cover any questions that may arise.
- The public information should wait until after the holidays, best after mid-January.
- Any information sessions should focus on less presentations and more response to the public's questions.
- A clear presentation of the tax impact should be made part of the information. Randall will approach Melissa about this.
- Randall and Graham will coordinate to present a virtual information meeting that can be recorded and available on the town website.
- The handout that was available at the November 10 session will be updated and made available at the town hall and at the transfer station.
- Other town boards should be apprised of the project progress to date and future plans. This includes the Zoning Board, the Planning Board, and the Conservation Commission.
- A committee member could be present at the transfer station on Saturdays in February to address any questions from townspeople.

There was concern regarding rumors of a change in town meeting date. A later date would present construction difficulties regarding winter storage of department equipment.

The updated public handout should be available to the public by December 15, and the next committee meeting will be following January 20.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bartlett