

Minutes
HIGHWAY GARAGE/FACILITY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 5:00 PM
Town Hall

Present: Walter Goodridge, chair; Ron Sweet, Peter Jeswald, Liv Wyatt, Ken Ouimette

Others present: Dave Vreeland

Walter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2019.
Peter seconded, and it passed Unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The meeting opened with discussion of the one bid received for the blasting work for the Storage Building. Blast-Tech, Inc. submitted a bid for \$89,000. We were surprised that the amount was so high. Ron explained that Tim Leslie of Blast-Tech had guessed at an amount of \$77,000 at his most recent visit to the site. Ron said that the requirement for high insurance minimums in our bid document was responsible for the increase. It was agreed that Walter and Ron would speak with Andrea and Tim about changing the limits in order to lower the cost via a change order if, in fact, the limits required were unreasonably high.

Whether or not the price could be reduced, the members felt that we should accept the bid in order to enable construction this fall. Dave said that his recent conversations with Kurtz Inc. (a likely bidder) gave him confidence that they could start this fall.

Ken moved that the \$89,000 bid be accepted. Liv seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Discussion turned to the Storage Building construction bid documents. Dave had made specifications and plans available earlier, enabling all members to prepare questions and suggestions. Dave agreed to make changes. Most were small. The most significant was changing the construction completion date from 12 to 16 weeks from the beginning of construction.

Ken moved that we instruct Andrea Woods, who has been preparing our bid documents, to go ahead advertising and posting the Invitation to Bid for the Storage Building. Peter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At about 6:25, Walter moved to adjourn. Peter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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