

**Minutes**  
**HIGHWAY GARAGE/FACILITY COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 5:00 PM  
Town Hall

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

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

*Minutes*

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
Peter seconded, and it passed unanimously.

*Public Comments*

None

*Old Business*

None

*New Business*

On Tuesday, September, 23 the bid opening for the construction of the Storage Building took place at the FRCOG office in Greenfield. The result was that the low bid of \$344,407 (without the roof alternate) is from Kurtz, Inc. of Westfield, MA. The budget for this portion of the work was \$450,000. Ron moved that the contract be approved and be passed to the Selectboard for signing. Peter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ron and Walter spoke about their meeting with Gene Kurtz at the site. They discussed scheduling of the Storage Building construction, color options, and design of the Maintenance building roof trusses. They think that Gene and his company will be very good to work with.

Ron and Walter reported on their visit with Andrea Woods of FRCOG where they discussed the possibility of having Town employees do the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work on the Maintenance Building. Andrea was unsure if this would comply with Massachusetts procurement laws, and suggested that Walter speak with Debbie Anderson at the office of Attorney General. Debbie told Walter that this plan would be an "end run" around the law, and would not be permitted. She emailed a section of law stipulating penalties.

Ron spoke about his preference for a flat slab with no drains in the Storage building. Ken and Walter said that they would discuss this in visits the plumbing and building inspectors.

Ron suggested breaking out some or all of the heating work from the sub bids, and having the town perform the work under Ken's direction. Ken came-up with the idea of having Franklin Tech. students work on the building. He will pursue that possibility.

Everyone agreed on the desirability of having a wainscot on the exterior of the Storage Building. Ron moved that Walter be authorized to OK the change if the cost will be less than \$6,000. Peter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 6:40, Peter moved to adjourn, Ken seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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