

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 10th, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Town Offices

Members Present: Ron Sweet, Ken Ouimette, Walter Goodridge, Peter Jeswald, Chris Herrmann

Others Present: Véronique Blanchard

The meeting called to order at 4:11.

1. Develop written statement of purpose and goals:

Walter will develop a brief statement for the committee to review.

2. Elect officers:

Walter and Ron will act as co-chairs; Véronique will take minutes and post meetings.

3. Initial review of town owned buildings:

The current inventory of Conway owned public buildings is:

1. Town Hall
2. Town Offices
3. The new Highway Garage
4. The Public Safety Building (old highway garage)
5. All buildings at the transfer station

The committee discussed the order of priority for making major repairs and/or modifications to each of the buildings. It was agreed that making modifications to the old highway garage/new public safety building was the highest priority. The water situation in the old garage has become critical, as currently it has been shut off. Fifty years ago, a temporary solution for water in the building was an agreement with OESCO to have water provided by OESCO's well and sent through pipes under 116. Those pipes are now leaking, causing OESCO to run dry when the connection is turned on. The Selectboard has already approved digging a new well as soon as possible to provide water to the Public Safety Building using ARPA funding (\$15,000 was approved). Building on work the Public Safety Building working group has already done, Peter Jeswald provided several design options to review which include offices, a laundry, shower, room for the mechanicals and possibly a conference room. The goal is to provide an office each for Fire, Police and Ambulance which will be easily accessible to the public and ADA compliant. Much discussion has centered around the vehicle sizes and therefore the size of the bay necessary for each vehicle(s) to be housed. There is a concern about where the septic tank and leachfield are able to be located, given proximity to the South River and the need to keep a 100' setback from the new well. The committee would like to keep open the option for future expansion (i.e. new bays for larger firetrucks) as well, which also complicates placement of the septic and leachfield.

4. Set time, place, location and frequency of future meetings

Walter will set the next meeting time and place. Meetings will be held as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.