

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 2, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Old Highway Garage

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

Others Present: Véronique Blanchard, Chief Baker, Dave Vreeland

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a walk through with Dave Vreeland to ascertain the structural integrity of the current highway garage facility. Dave walked through and pointed out the condition of some of the bricks against the back wall, which had a couple of stress fractures, likely having developed many years ago. Some of the bricks on the outside have popped out, likely due to moisture which built up and then froze behind downspouts, etc. The foundation was discovered to be poured concrete as opposed to concrete brick. The group also discussed the condition of the roof and when it was redone, and Ron will try to find the plans from the remodel. The possibility of adding solar panels to the roof was also discussed. Overall Dave felt the building was in good condition and certainly worth working with, and he will send the town a letter with his report.

On May 24th the committee had met with the Conservation Commission to get input on the process. It was suggested that the committee include how many square feet will be affected, including the footprint of the addition, how runoff will be dealt with, and that the committee should contact Natural Heritage for input on possible endangered species. As for the survey, the entire area is considered within the riverfront corridor. Siltation control will need to be addressed as well in the Notice of Intent.

Respectfully submitted,

Véronique Blanchard