**Minutes**

HIGHWAY GARAGE/FACILITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Town Office 32 Main Street

*Present*: Walter Goodridge, chair; Hank Horstmann; Ron Sweet, Peter Jeswald

*Others present*: David Vreeland, Jon Wyman, Joe Strzegowski, Phil Kantor, Tom Hutcheson

Goodridge called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

*Minutes*

On a motion from Sweet to approve minutes of March 12, 2019, seconded by Jeswald, the vote was unanimous in favor.

*Public Comments*

Strzegowski suggested testing the wells before starting the project in case blasting introduces any chemicals into the groundwater.

*Old Business*

*1) Progress on OPM, designer, and building research*

Goodridge presented initial notes, “Status as of 3/19/19” (see sheet for content).

* **On a motion from Sweet to recommended to the Select Board that the Town sign the contract suggested by Andrea Woods of the FRCOG for work from January through August for work leading up to a design, seconded by Goodridge, the vote was unanimous in favor.**

*2) Schedule Town Meeting preparation*

Tabled.

*3) Report on visit to Building inspector regarding site work*

Sweet reported that the Building Inspector could find nothing in the building code that indicated that either building would be a critical facility. He also mentioned the plan to do it as two separate projects, and the site plan; the building inspector said he had nothing to do with the site plan.

*New Business*

*1) Meet with David Vreeland and Jon Wyman*

Goodridge introduced the committee to the visitors. David noted that both buildings were simply structured. He recommended a post-frame building (formerly called a “pole barn”), along with a recommendation for a company they have worked with who would engineer it given floor plans and elevations. Other options are possible, but given the current designs, he recommended the post-frame structure. There would be savings if the elevations of the two buildings were the same.

There was discussion on elevations and the site; size of buildings, sprinklers and lack of Town water; new construction materials; necessary height of the work bays in the maintenance building; maximizing useful space; door size in the maintenance building; roof and sheathing material and coating to deal with condensation in each building; floors and frost walls in each building; ledge, drainage, and footings.

The process going forward: Town Meeting will supply design and initial construction funds. Design services would include a bid package but not construction consultation; they would add that on later. They would provide specifications; the company would provide the engineering and stamped plans, but this is not a design-build process. A rough cost estimate for the post-frame building would be, at $250/ft2, a total of $1,175,000—well under the amount requiring an owner’s project manager and the associated process (though the Town would want a project manager, if with less of a scope of work).

There was discussion on doors, spills and trenches, tight tank; timing for a design estimate. Sweet asked if they could provide a good-faith estimate for constructing the post-frame building; Vreeland said yes. Sweet asked for 20-foot high doors on the post-frame building.

There was further discussion on other, related projects in other towns and arguments for Town Meeting and the presentation of the project.

*Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting*

None.

*Next Meeting*

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

*Adjourn*

On a motion at 8:40 p.m. from Sweet to adjourn, seconded by Jeswald, the vote was unanimous in favor.