

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)

Others present: Tom Estey, Robert Turner, Marjorie Dickstein, Bill Coon, Dennis Hysko, Rick Burroughs and Kate Coffey (Black River Design), Kerry Kurt

S. Jefferies called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes: M. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Selectboard meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

Bills: There were no orders.

Town Garage Advisory Committee: T. Estey reported that the test pits have been completed. A good site for septic was identified, and a separate system is recommended. Using the Fire Department septic would require running a pipe by the well, and we might not be able to meet the buffer zone requirements.

K. Coffey discussed possible requirements for a sprinkler system. In house code review indicates that we would not need one based on our qualification as an S2 building, but the recommendation is to send a letter asking for a variance in case we are determined to be an S1 building instead. The price estimates will include a fire wall (which would remove the need for a sprinkler). M. Dickstein noted that there may be requirements to not have openings within a certain distance from a fire wall, which may require a larger building or reconfiguring the bay doors.

There was discussion about ways to demonstrate the need for a new building and location for the town garage. The open house on January 3 will have boards provided by BRD with sketches of our proposed design.

The information provided by BRD last week regarding the competitive bid process vs construction management option was reviewed. Comments and questions included:

- Prequalification of contractors, and the process of prequalification
- Whether to prequalify some subcontractors
- There is a possibility that the Starksboro road crew could help with construction of the salt shed
- Either process would allow local contractors to bid
- The bid process is generally more clear, transparent and defensible
- Either way there would be one person responsible for construction

The Committee decided to use the competitive bid process.

K. Coffey will follow up with Efficiency Vermont regarding incentives and recommendations for lighting and ventilation.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2015. There will be an open house at the town garage on January 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jefferies