

DPW Building Committee

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Present: [Jason Burbank](#) (5:03), [Jay Dipucchio](#) (5:03), [Mark Fairbrother](#), [Deb Radway](#) (5:04), [David Jenson](#) (BI), [Tom Bergeron](#) (DPW), [Walter Ramsey](#) (Planner). From W&S: [Jeff Alberti](#), two others.

As Ken Morin is on vacation, Radway is made acting Chair and opens the meeting at 5:05.

Schedule site walk: Friday March 11 at 7:30 AM at the Sandy Lane area.

Jeff Alberti: Hand out- Montague DPW Facility feasibility study, update report. (Quick description of contents.)

Comments?

Fairbrother: Does anyone for the town sitting around this table think an 11M project will fly? No one said yes. Ramsey notes the TA is considering suggesting up to 9M to the Town, working it into budget scenarios. Bergeron voices concerns about cutting things he feels are vital. Jenson feels that if what the town really needs totals to 11M then that is what we should ask for and push for. This would be a once-in-fifty-year building that will not get any less expensive with time.

Layout changes: Discussion about orientation of office spaces and canopy location. Canopy should be on the south side of building (sun exposure).

The existing animal shelter building should be considered to be short term existence. There had been discussion previously of using it for DPW needs after the shelter goes to a new location.

Things that will need discussion: Future location of the transfer station, leaf location, brush location. It is assumed that the salt shed will stay where it is.

There was general discussion about potential for cutting things to lower the price, such as the wash bay. The feeling is this is already a bare bones structure.

Ramsey enquires about reducing costs of geotechnical investigations. Given the landfill history of this site it was felt that the geotechnical research really must be done.

Radway thinks there is no way the Town will appropriate more than 9M for the project.

What do we bring to Town Meeting in May? Jenson: Put in enough to do the geo-tech and refined scope and partial design and wetlands and abbreviated permitting thru DEP.

Central high end, high efficiency heating system. Have radiant heat flooring as a warming agent but not for full building heat. Install blower heaters to bring up space temperatures quickly. On-demand heating and ventilation. Natural gas is the preferred fuel but there is a moratorium on new hook ups.

Ramsey noted that the TA warns against asking for too much at this upcoming TM.

Ramsey is authorized to request up to 50K in a Town Meeting Warrant Article for the geo-tech, partial design, permitting, etc.

Next committee meeting Wednesday April 6 at 5:00 PM at Town Hall.

Ramsey will schedule something with the BoS/FinCom to keep both boards updated. March 23 or March 30.

Adjourn at 6:30.

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