

DPW Building Committee

January 31, 2017

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Present: Jason Burbank (5:47), Jay Dipucchio, Mark Fairbrother, Ken Morin, Mark Williams, David Jenson (BI)(5:39), Tom Bergeron (DPW), Walter Ramsey (Planner), Steven Ellis (TA). Bob Maceweicz (new committee member), Jeff Singleton, reporter from Montague Recorder.

Ken Morin opened meeting at 5:30.

Introductions: Everybody gave their name.

Minutes: Motion by Jay Dipucchio, 2nd by Mark Williams. All in favor 4-0.

Walter gave Steven (and everyone else present) a brief synopsis of how the committee got to where we are tonight. Jay had said to Fin Com/BoS: here's what we have, here's what it costs, do you think?

Steven: Were there other options that cost significantly less? Were other towns operations considered?

Walter- We cannot build onto what we have. Sandy Lane is centrally located.

Steve: Is 11.5M the total or will there be more to decommission and moving expenses? Yes. Salt shed, transfer station dog pound building to move/raise.

Steve: Business community is interested in the current grounds building due to its proximity to the river. Is this site to be abandoned? Undetermined at this time. Steve: we need to look at the big picture, all of these parts of the puzzle with an eye to the final product.

Mark Williams: the original proposal from W&S was more than 11.5M. We cut floor parking space and office space.

Steve: This project must be considered against all of the other needs of the committee.

David: There was general consensus that this was the product that was needed for the Town. We went for what do we need at any cost versus designing for a particular price tag.

Steve: How much equipment currently fits inside the existing building? At present not much. If we take off-season stuff out, with new building we can put all our plows inside.

David: Currently inefficiency is the biggest down side. Building Maintenance will continue to some extent with the old buildings.

General discussion of options for use/reuse/future of existing building.

Steve: Need to see wrap around plan. What is the plan for all these buildings and any costs? Up front.

Bob: Grants? USDA maybe. Not much there for this sort of project.

Ken: Need to re-look at putting in more mezzanine for storage, perhaps we need to look at the older buildings more long term.

Steve: The Telling and Selling effort is going to be needed strongly in the next few months if we are going to sell this to TM.

David: Regulatory requirements are only going to only get stiffer and construction costs are only going to go up.

Steve: The Com needs to think through final proposal regarding all current *and* future buildings.

Ken: What would W&S cost to engineer feasibility on existing buildings? If we know we need additional cold storage at new site, what is the cheapest solid option?

Walter: They don't owe us any work at present. They may help just to move the project along.

Tom: Behind my building I have two other storage buildings.

Steve: We need the *right* plan.

11.5 is for construction, bid docs, construction docs, contingency.

Steve: Thank you all for your efforts. This needs to move forward with a certain speed if we are going to get it done. We need to dispel the usual negative views and questions.

Jeff: During the senior center meetings, what does this cost do to the SC and Lib projects? Jay: that's not for us to answer.

Walter: What/how much do we want to try to do at special TM? Who will present?

Ken: The goal is to ask for full price at Annual Town Meeting.

General discussion of how the FRTA move into the IP could affect this project. Largely unknown due to timing and restrictions on how FRTA can operate.

Steve: I will update the Board of Selectman on this project.

Next meeting: **February 16@ 5:30 2nd floor meeting room.**

Adjourn at 7:00.

CapCom Feb 8 2017@ 3:00

Special TM March 2! @ 7:00 at HS largely for Strathmore.