

DPW Building Committee

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Present: Jason Burbank (5:40), Jay Dipucchio, Mark Fairbrother, Ken Morin, Deb Radway, Mark Williams, David Jenson (BI), Tom Bergeron (DPW), Walter Ramsey (Planner).

Ken Morin opened meeting at 5:30.

Ken: Do we have minutes for anything? Deb: We're just an adhoc committee. MPD committee didn't keep minutes.

Introductions: Everybody gave their name.

Review of meeting with FinCom/Bos: Carolyn composed excellent minutes.

Timeframe: What do we want to bring to ATM? We need to get the ugly facts out to the public to get them over sticker shock ASAP. Should we hold precinct meetings? This was done for the MPD building. Need to come up with a presentation/packet and schedule meetings. John Hanold's comments (attached) were a good road map for us.

Lot across the street from the existing DPW building is Montague Machine or private owner. There is no room for expansion at the present site.

The existing building does not meet most building codes, OSHA codes.

The proposed project is centrally located, doesn't take away from tax rolls, and has limited impact to residential area.

DPW crew doesn't comment much but are generally in favor.

Why now? Should have been done years ago.

FinCom and Capital Improvements committee consider this project a priority.

Size and cost of equipment- we need to keep it indoors to protect the investment. Can't defer this any longer.

Big enough to house most equipment, meets all building/safety codes, appropriate work and storage areas to allow for proper work and maintenance. Protecting equipment/investment. How many road miles compared to other Towns.

State building/bidding requirements, prevailing wage.

All DPW resources on site?

What is the value of equipment we would be putting inside? What is the DPW budget?

DPW's are now considered First Responders.

There will be maintenance to the building or it won't be a 50-year building. You don't get away from maintenance ever.

Grants from Homeland Security? Work from Eversource? Who else?

How much is this going to cost me Joe Citizen?

What will go on web site? Basic factual information, cost analysis, etc.

Worker who presents well on camera to host the spots on MCTV,

Only two current trucks fit into the existing barn with plows on.

Next meeting Wednesday November 30 @ 5:30 2nd floor meeting room.

Adjourn at 6:45.

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