

DPW Building Committee

December 13, 2017

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Present: Jay Dipucchio, Mark Fairbrother, Bob Macewicz, Ken Morin, Mark Williams, Walter Ramsey (Planner), Tom Bergeron (DPW) Steve Ellis (TA).

Ken Morin opened the meeting at 5:00.

Self-introductions.

Minutes of November 28, 2017. Motion to accept by Jay Dipucchio, 2nd by Bob Macewicz. 5-0

Discussion about some of the comments received from the Finance Committee and a citizen. First was how to present the idea of benefits of indoor storage of vehicles. There are some documentable savings in doing that, but the real benefits are more nebulous. Discussion on how to present this.

Issues of how the abutting housing will interact with the garage. We have already positioned the building for minimal interaction by positioning the entrance so that it is not directly in front of anyone's house and by positioning the building on the lot in such a way as to minimize sound for the abutters.

What are people going to get out of this building being voted? How does it impact the average person?

Continuity of services to the community and better maintenance of Town infrastructure. New building allows smoother and probably quicker responses in many situations.

Many of the things we would be able to do in the new building we are trying to do now, but are hampered by lack of space, proper systems within the buildings, etc. We're building to house equipment and facilities we now have only up to safe, modern standards in one building.

This project will give us a safe, user-friendly, code compliant building.

Will PD vehicles now be general serviced by the DPW? Is it financially attractive?

This is not within the scope of this committee to decide. That will be discussed and decided by the BoS, in consultation with the DPW, PD, and others.

The cost of construction will only go up due to inflation, interest rates on borrowing, wages, etc. If the Town waits, a smaller building will cost the same money as this, or more.

It is okay to say that the building will not pay for itself in efficiencies, etc.

Employee morale moral will certainly go up, which leads to increased productivity, respect and care for the facility.

Future fueling station had dedicated site on the plans.

Discussion of whether we can or should present this in one or two STM. One meeting should be essentially be for this project.

Next STM is scheduled for February 15. Perhaps we should schedule “our” meeting, that is, a meeting dedicated for only this issue to be discussed. Steve, Walter, and Ken will start looking at possible dates.

Next meeting January 9th @ 5:00 @ Town Hall, 2nd floor meeting room.

PIM meetings: January 17th @ 7:00 Highland Apts, January 29 @7:00 Montague Center Fire Dept, February 13 @ 6:00 @ the Safety Complex.

Next meeting **January 9, 2018 @ 5:00** 2nd floor meeting room.

Adjourn at 6:45. Motion by Jay, 2nd by Bob Macewicz. 5-0

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