

DPW Building Committee

April 3, 2018

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Present: Jason Burbank, Jay Dipucchio, Mark Fairbrother, Bob Macewicz, Ken Morin, Mark Williams, Walter Ramsey (Planner), Steve Ellis (executive sec)(5:30).

Public: Jeanne and Peter Golrick. (Peter was recording the meeting. Did he tell us that? He should have put the recorder on the table.)

Ken Morin opened meeting at 4:35 PM.

Introductions of members and staff.

Ken: Do we have minutes for anything? Mark: sorry, no, but I will have them all to Walter shortly.

Walter: We don't have much of an agenda because we scheduled this before Town Meeting when we didn't know if we would pass or not. Mostly a review of the meeting and where we go from here now that we are still going.

Mark: We now know what the main concerns are from TM and other meetings; we should focus our outreach on these points before election. Example: Don't need the space to put those vehicles in.
Answer: There won't be any more vehicles inside than there are now, they just will not be dangerous to work around. They are shoe-horned in now.

Jason: Doesn't know of any grants that will get us a heating system. As we move forward we need to start honing our plan to keep construction and running costs down.

Concern that 11.1M is the low number. We feel strongly that 11.1M is the HIGH number that will not be reached anyway. This must be communicated more.

Make our town debt load will look like over the next few years. Expensive yes, not as awful as it is thought.

Ken and Bob: When OSHA kicks in there will be a lot of training needed at DPW, hence the need for proper space for an entire crew in the new building.

Jay: short letters to the editor to focus on specific aspects of the building, before Town Election in May.

Jay: look for other studies that say indoor storage is better for vehicles and equipment.

Jay: look at prices and potential for doing our own service on our own vehicles. This could save considerable money yearly. A building with more space to work on vehicles properly would be an asset.

Moving forward: Concentrate on the financial side of the project to get information to people. Get the numbers for specific sections of the construction costs.

Mark Williams: Doesn't want to scare voters, but we need to make reality clear to them. Doing nothing will only cost us money because of inflation and interest rates, construction rates, etc. Treat your

employees like professionals; raise their morale. We can't ignore this problem; it isn't going to go away whether we like it or not.

Walter: will get a feature article in MR before the election.

Try to get the Recorder reporter to come to open house at existing dpw as the basis for a feature article in the Recorder.

Ken: Outreach to specific groups such as at the Senior Center, TF Fire/Water District annual meeting in April.

Walter to touch base with Tom B. about another open house at the existing facility. May 7, 4-6 PM. Ask MCTV to begin running the first open house video again and update it with new footage.

Ken to reach out to Roberta Potter (Council on Aging) to see if they would like a presentation of some sort.

Election Day is May 21, 2018.

Next meeting April 24@ 4:30 1st floor meeting room.

Motion to adjourn by Mark F., 2nd by Bob
Adjourn at 5:55 PM.