



**Town of Whitingham
Highway Garage Committee**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Highway Garage Committee.

The Whitingham Highway Garage Committee held a meeting on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1pm at the Jacksonville Fire House, 2964 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Highway Garage Committee members present: Richard Lemaire, Allan Twitchell, Marshall Dix, and Scott Reed.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator. Donnie Boyd and Richard Tefft, residents.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Marshall Dix called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Attendees filled out a contact sheet.

Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda)

Mr. Tefft asked if there was a question of if the garage needs to be replaced, he feels certain it cannot be repaired. Mr. Twitchell noted that he feels it needs to be replaced, it is not in a good spot, nor large enough. Mr. Dix noted that the Committee is required to look at both options – to repair or to replace it.

There is an article on the town warning to discuss this topic and to request some funding for it.

Committee organization (elect Chair & Vice Chair, determine who will act as clerk, determine meeting schedule)

Allan Twitchell made a motion to nominate Marshall Dix as Chair, seconded by Scott Reed, all in favor.

Allan Twitchell made a motion to nominate Richard Lemaire as Vice Chair, seconded by Scott Reed, all in favor.

Allan Twitchell made a motion to appoint Gig Zboray as clerk, seconded by Richard Lemaire, all in favor.

Prepare for Town Meeting

Richard Lemaire will read the articles related to the Highway Garage at town meeting.

Marshall Dix will take photos of the inside and the outside of the garage. Gig can print the pictures on 11x17 paper to have available at town meeting.

The Transfer Station is ever expanding with required recyclables. The sand pile already infringes on Transfer Station use.

The Committee will announce at town meeting that they are looking for recommendations of properties for garage relocation.

Replacing the garage doors would probably cost at least \$50,000. The building is a safety concern. If a new garage is built probably the most cost-effective thing would be to tear down the current building.

Wish List Items:

There should be consideration of installing solar panels on the roof of a new garage.

New garage should 70' deep, at least 10 bays. Current size is 7 bays, 40'6" x 113' long. There should be plenty of space between the garage doors. Wilmington's garage is probably 80' deep. Maybe Wilmington could give us their blueprints.

There should be at least 2 feet of concrete sticking out of the ground. There should be side garage openers so when you open the truck body it doesn't hit the opener.

Break room, office, fabrication room, 2 bathrooms, interior wall separating the office should be insulated for noise baffling.

If we get a new site, we will need a salt shed and fuel tanks and to purchase the land. Possibly a sand shed too. Marshall said the current salt shed looks like its going to flip over.

Possible locations for a new garage:

There is a property on Allard Road that could be a good option for a new garage, it is approximately 30 acres. The current garage on the property could be used for equipment. The house could be used as office and meeting room. There is already a large gravel parking lot.

Another option is on Town Hill Road, a 12 acre parcel, suggested allowing the fields to stay and use the area where the barn was and the house is.

Back side of Sadawga Lake Road at Kentfield Road on left is another option.

Mr. Janovksy likes the current location of the garage because they can plow a full route with one load of sand and not have to return for more sand.

Discuss what we have learned so far

Mr. Reed provided a letter that he received a copy of from Stanley Janovsky showing a little research with the state said that if the garage does not impact the river it could stay on the site.

An engineer will need to be hired to do a feasibility study to determine if the current garage is worth saving and if expansion can be done on the current site.

Other business – as needed

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 13th at 1pm in the Selectboard Office.

Richard Lemaire and Donnie Boyd are interested is serving on this committee. **Allan Twitchell made a motion to recommend to the Selectboard to appoint Richard Tefft and Donnie Boyd to the Highway Garage Committee, and to remove Tyler Colford from the Committee, seconded by Richard Lemaire, all in favor.**

Richard Lemaire made a motion to make a recommendation to cap this committee at 6 members, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Allan Twitchell, seconded by Richard Lemaire, all in favor.

Marshall Dix adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

~Gig Zboray,
Selectboard Office Administrator