



**Town of Whitingham  
Highway Garage Committee**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2020 at 9am at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100.

Highway Garage Committee members present: Marshall Dix, Chair; Scott Reed, Richard Lemaire, Donnie Boyd, Allan Twitchell and Richard Tefft.

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Marshall Dix called the meeting to order at 9:03am. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Hearing of visitors** none

**Discuss recommendation to be made to Selectboard**

Land that was looked at: helicopter pad at school – state wetlands determined it is not feasible. Next door to Durfey's on Ginny Morse Road is steep and lots of houses close by; Fowler Road property also has wetlands-even the road in the area is wet. Jesse Boyd's property on Birdville Road is available for \$300,000 for the garage and shop-expensive. Roy Corse's field at corner of Maple and Faulkner but they won't sell, it is also wet.

**A motion was made by Richard Tefft to cease land acquisition options and proceed with the Twitchell property on Town Hill Road, seconded by Richard Lemaire, all in favor.**

Discussion revolved around a purchase agreement dependent on results of vote at Town Meeting March 2021. Attorney Fisher could be engaged to draft such an agreement. Once the property is laid out a subdivision and possibly a right of way will need to be done/deeded.

Discussion ensued about reaching out to the neighbors of the Twitchell farm property to inform them of the committee's thoughts. The direct abutters support the sale of the property for the garage.

**Draft letter of recommendation to the Selectboard**

Gig and Richard Tefft created draft letters, both were reviewed and merged into one new letter.

**A motion was made by Marshall Dix to sign the letter as merged to the Selectboard, seconded by Richard Tefft, all in favor.**

**Approve Minutes of prior meetings**

Richard Tefft would like to add to the Minutes that the third owner would like approximately \$20,000 "to recover taxes paid".

**A motion was made by Scott Reed to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2020 as corrected, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor.**

**Other business – as needed**

Scott or Gig will reach out to the engineer to get an update. Committee members discussed going to visit recently built garages in other towns. Discussion ensued around metal versus wood built. Wilmington garage is stick built and they received a variance to the requirement to have sprinklers.

Next meeting to be determined

**Adjourn** Marshall Dix adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gig Zboray