



**Town of Whitingham
Highway Garage Committee**

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 2020 at 9am at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100.

Highway Garage Committee members present: 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

Scott Reed called the meeting to order at 9:04am. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Hearing of visitors none

Discuss recommendation to be made to Selectboard

Before making a recommendation to the Selectboard Donnie Boyd suggested other properties to consider. He likes the helicopter pad area on the school property. There are definitely some wetlands in the area, and it is under 5 acres. He also talked to Wayne Corse about some of his properties; 190+ acres with access next door to the Durfey's at 190 Ginny Morse Road but it might be too steep. Also a 10 acre lot on Fowler Road that might be suitable but he is unsure if it is for sale, how much it would be or if it would be a donation. Fowler is a dirt road and it could be difficult for the highway trucks to access. The Axtell property at 133 Allard Road was mentioned (it is 140 acres total on two sides of the street). Discussion ensued around these new suggestions.

Two of the three owners of the Twitchell property would be happy to donate the property to the town, the third owner would like approximately \$20,000 to recover taxes paid. Allan Twitchell would be willing to take back/keep any land the town does not need for the garage (would require a subdivision). The maples trees on the property line should be made available for sugaring, an access to the back of the property would be necessary for Allan Twitchell to allow him access to the back of his property.

The Committee members will individually go look at the properties mentioned and discuss them all in two weeks at the next meeting.

Draft letter of recommendation to the Selectboard

Tabled until next meeting.

Follow up on a few questioned raised (sewer expansion vs. septic, Act 250)

If less than ten acres is disturbed an Act 250 permit would not be required unless the property already has an Act 250 permit on it. Gig will check in with the sewer engineers again to get an idea of how much per foot it would cost to extend the sewer line. We don't yet have a response yet from the highway garage engineer about how big the new garage would need to be based on the information provided to him in the questionnaire.

Approve Minutes of prior meetings

A motion was made by Richard Tefft to approve the Minutes of September 11 and August 21, 2020 as written, seconded by Allan Twitchell, all in favor.

Other business – as needed

Committee members will look at the properties suggested and any others that might come up before the next meeting. If anyone finds another property to consider they must notify all Committee members before the next meeting so that property can be looked at as well.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 2, 2020 at 9am.

Adjourn Scott Reed adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gig Zboray