

DPW Commissioners  
March 30, 2016  
7pm, Conference Room A, Town Hall

The three DPW Commissioners are present as well as DPW Director Parisi and Asst. Director Olson.

The agenda for this meeting is the DPW Barn preparation (Article K) for the Annual Town Meeting.

Commissioner Reed moved to accept the February 24, 2016 DPW Commission minutes; seconded by Chairman Sena, Vote: 2-0. Commissioner Gardner abstained as he was not present on 2/24/16.

Commissioner Gardner moved to accept the March 23, 2016 DPW Commission minutes (as revised), seconded by Commissioner Reed, Vote: 2-0. Chairman Sena abstained as he was not present on 3/23/16. The revision to the minutes was that Commissioner Gardner said that he thought the deterioration of the existing DPW facility should be emphasized at Town Meeting.

Open Session: T. Arsenian questioned the barge that was unloading stones on Tool Company property. J. Parisi said this was an arrangement the contractor made; it had nothing to do with the town. Z. Seppala spoke about a garage that he heard was built in another community; the price of the barn was approximately \$4M. Commissioner Gardner cautioned that it should be a reasonable comparison. Chairman Sena said we need to be sure we're making apples to apples comparisons.

Commissioner Gardner said he met with the consultant today, he said they reviewed the current building, the number of vehicles and the dollar value of those vehicles. They reviewed what the financing would cost the average household. Chairman Sena said someone asked him if the new facility would use more energy than the current building. It was discussed that the new facility would be more efficient, but it is a larger facility. Commissioner Reed said National Grid will work with design engineers for energy efficiencies; the roof would be capable of taking on solar panels.

It was decided to have information in the lobby for Town Meeting and information on the floor, maybe to have Commissioner Gardner speak on it first then show some slides. Perhaps five slides depicting the existing conditions in the barn.

T. Arsenian said he wanted the DPW Commissioners to vote tonight to be sure that Enterprise funds are not used for the new barn. It was stated that the motion indicates it is a debt exclusion. Commissioner Gardner said a vote by the DPW wouldn't mean anything. Commissioner Reed said he is in favor of it not coming from Enterprise funds.

Commissioner Gardner said S. Jacques indicated that he might make a motion to split the funding at Town Meeting; the first part would be the soft costs (design vs. build).

Director Parisi said we should discuss what happens after the vote, if it passes. Commissioner Reed said we should speak to Selectperson Lucas about putting a together a video. T. Olson said we could put the video on the town website as well as the five minute PowerPoint presentation from Weston & Sampson.

The ultimate financing of the new DPW barn was discussed. It was stated that it is the decision of the Board of Selectmen whether the borrowing would be 20 or 30 years. Bill Wagner said the Finance Committee prefers a shorter term.

T. Olson said if this is broken down into two projects and we have to wait for the following town meeting for the build then we would want to delay until that following winter. To put the bid out would be a 10-12 month project.

Commissioner Gardner inquired if someone from the Finance Committee would be speaking on behalf of the project at Town Meeting. It was stated that Selectperson Battistelli had said that someone from the Board of Selectmen would speak on Article K.

It was recommended to have information on the DPW Barn available at the Transfer Station, perhaps someone could speak at the Rotary, etc.

It was stated that the \$8.8 estimate includes everything, including the temporary relocation while the construction is ongoing.

8:00pm: Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, 3-0.