

APRIL 16, 2018 MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TOWN GARAGE COMMITTEE

Meeting began at 4:00 PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Lee Gustafson, Matt Wilson, David Pisha

Members Absent: Graham Kennedy, Dan Cook

Visitors: John DeBenedetti, Rick Cloud, Jeff Holden, Craig Jennings, Arne Jonynas

Minutes were not approved from the previous meeting.

Introduction were made among the attendees. Craig Jennings from Russell Construction was present.

Lee wanted to hear what direction the current proposal was going. The statement was made it was to build new facility and renovate the current Town Garage. Ambulance would stay with Public Works.

It was also discussed not to build a bi-level facility, just one level. And there could be an Internal rearrangement of the space.

David—Graham does not accept the idea of all the buildings on the current site. He believes splitting into two parts is the best idea.

Lee said that the current department heads should be the people to lay out the new building.

John DeBenedetti said the new building was designed for 3 services. He still believes it should be bi-level. However he advocated moving the whole building forward 10-15 feet from its previous site. He also asked if a watch room was needed.

Matt—I would not want a watch room

John – Things could be done with the room arrangement to tighten things up and save money as well.

David Graham can do much of the site work that would be necessary

Matt -- This is not the same as it was 10 years ago The State has mandated changes to the Town Garage Does not think a bi-level facility will fly with the voters.

When we were inspected, we had to have a viable plan to deal with the current situation. We could be on the high side of the budget and the plans will not pass. Why not build a single level facility, he asked. The police may have to wait, they are not under State review. Start with one department and keep moving forward over time, is one option he added.

Craig said 2-3% construction inflation was occurring per year.

John asked what were the cost estimates of the two buildings? David said it was between a \$4.4 million low and a \$7million high. That was to build two new buildings.

John then said if the stair tower and elevator are gone, there is a significant savings. Don't finish police at the beginning.

Jeff Holden said he thought building a new EMS facility and renovating current town garage will still save money from the bottom estimate of what Claudio said.

Lee we can tell the voters we can bring in the facilities at a low cost. Any idea of costs?

David – Costs are not easily estimated

Lee Where is the State thoughts on a plan?

Matt -- We had a list of things we had to do immediately but no list going forward after that. The to-do list is finished.

Lee – Lets all have a copy of the State letter.

John - My fear is when you affect one part of an old building you trigger the effect of upgrading more areas you didn't anticipate.

Lee what is the next step.

Rick - We don't need to design facility to be an emergency shelter.

John Last vote was only 13 short of passage.

David Let's see what the numbers are for each service before making any big decisions about going forward

Lee Is the committee allowed to spend money

Craig It depends on how much time we are going to spend; I will also need to bring an architect onboard

Lee I need copies of all the previous documents

Craig if there are design changes you will need an architect I will take a look at what we have which is quite detailed. And there has been code changes in the past 10 years

Commercial energy codes have changes quite a bit.

Matt - Let's give us milestones to meet. Lee - Great idea. Craig - mark up the drawings and give him an idea of the design direction

Lee let's keep moving forward. Fire and Police need to talk and concur on design

Craig think about permitting. Thought they were all issued buy not sure they are still good. Craig will check on permit status

John no hazardous site or historical? No was the answer.

Craig will put a proposal together. Little things don't matter as much, it is the consultants that will start to cost money.

Lee - Selectboard will discuss spending money to get the project moving.

Craig – Do you want a finished design or draft update? Group agreed on draft markup. Let's get back together on May 1 and discuss what Craig sends.

Town Garage discussion started at the 44 minute mark

Bruce Martin looked at town garage

Matt - Bruce only put together a list of have to do projects in the short term. He did not talk about long term. Craig what level of design needs to happen, he asked?

Matt - you may need a new roof

Lee - need to modify for the state requirements and for current use needs

Danny is happy with conference area at the Town Garage if only ambulance is the user it was stated.

Most of renovation of the garage will be for highway.

Rick there is no hot water system; that should be addressed in the new plans.

Lee - Graham and Danny will go through building and let us know what must be done and what they want.

Craig – To bring a building up to code you need a professional; a code specialist

John – I like design-build since I believe you save money

Lee to Craig - would use be willing to use local talent? Craig Yes

John - Local person may have schedule problems but the attempt still should be made to offer them work

Craig - We can meet at the garage with a design consultant so he can give you a fee for his work

David - should we meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>?

Lee - meet at the same time?

Matt - cannot meet on the 30<sup>th</sup>

David - Lets go to May 1<sup>st</sup> the first works better for everyone. Still do the 14<sup>th</sup>? Craig – lets put it down tentative so people can check their calendars.

Lee to David - talk to Graham and Dan about what they need to do.

Agenda item will be added to the May 2nd agenda

Craig - Site visit to garage is free

May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting may start early if code review person attends to go through garage first. It will be warned for that earlier time.

Craig - Future design could be much less if current plans are used to get started. Beginning from scratch is much more costly.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:18 PM