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*Minutes
Public Works Building Committee
May 18, 2021*

Attendees via Zoom: Cindy LaCroix, Todd Croteau, Mike Wenrich, Tad Putney, Roland Pothier, Maria Bechis, and Ann Somers.

6:30pm - **Cindy** called the meeting to order and said we were meeting under the governor's executive orders, which allow for remote meetings. All committee members stated where they were located and that they were participating remotely due to COVID-19.

Minutes

Todd moved, seconded by Mike, to approve the May 4th minutes as written; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.

Material Testing and Geotechnical Analysis

Roland said we have estimates from SW Cole and Miller Engineering for geotechnical analysis of the soils under the building as well as rates for materials testing. He said the materials testing would be done for three areas: the materials placed under the building, the area of the driveway (including potentially of the pavement itself) and the concrete. He said the proposal for geotechnical analysis from SW Cole was for \$3,000, but required **Mike** to dig the holes and the proposal from Miller was more comprehensive and included borings to 20 feet with no work required by **Mike**. **Tad** noted the cost for Miller's work is \$6,660. **Roland** said this work is often done earlier in the process and he recommends it be done now. **Mike moved, seconded by Tad, to approve \$6,660 for Miller Engineering to do the geotechnical analysis and to have them do the materials testing due to their lower rates; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.** **Tad** said he will have a discussion with Miller regarding the scope and timing of their materials testing prior to them conducting it.

Selecting Colors

It was agreed that the choosing of colors will be done at an on-site meeting (rather than a remote meeting) once **Roland** has the information. He said he should have the colors for review in a couple of weeks.

Treatment of Larger Rocks

Roland said we have a \$70,000 ledge allowance, which would also be used for dealing with larger rocks. He said we could push larger rocks to the edge of the tree line (at no

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cost) or have them broken up (at a cost of \$250 an hour) and taken away. Members agreed to have larger rocks moved to the edge of the tree line to save money and if there are too many, we could consider removing some of them.

Tree Removal Concerns

Tad said concerns had been raised about the removal of all the trees on site and that it was discussed at the Selectboard meeting last night. He said he reached out to Eversource about their program of planting trees (to counter the trees they cutdown near utility lines). **Tad** said this afternoon he heard back from Eversource and they would provide a few trees to the town in the fall to beautify the area around the new building. **Tad** said he thought some residents could be counted on to donate trees that could be planted in the fall as well.

Bathroom Fixture Selection

It was decided that wall-mounted soap dispensers were not needed and we would go with bottled soap on the sinks.

Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be at 6:30pm on Tuesday, June 8th and held via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.