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Minutes DPW Building Committee Tuesday, June 9th, 2020

Committee members in attendance: Eddie Arnold, Dana Ketchen, Mike Wenrich, Todd Croteau, Cindy LaCroix, Brian Rater, and Tad Putney.

Eddie called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Site Walk

Members started at what would be the entrance to the DPW facility on North Mason Road. **Mike** said he had staked out the four corners of the main building as well as the four corners of the salt shed. They walked into the woods to the northeast corner of the garage. Several members noted that the building was closer to North Mason Road than they expected. **Mike** noted that a later iteration of the site plan last year moved the building closer to the road to avoid wetlands.

Members then walked to the northwest, southwest and southeast corners of the building respectively and then located the corners for the proposed salt shed. **Mike** said the shed layout was 60 feet wide and 80 feet deep. **Dana** asked about the septic system. **Mike** showed its location on the plan (between the proposed garage and Transfer Station driveway) but said it was still to be designed.

Members noted the existence of a trail near the garage location and **Mike** said that it would be relocated and discussions have already taken place with the conservation commission.

Dana suggested talking with Chappell about logging the area for revenue and suggested potentially taking all the large pines to the top of the hill. **Mike** agreed. **Dana** also suggested reaching out to UNH Cooperative Extension for free guidance on the removal of trees, such as what should be removed going up the hill. **Todd** suggested another free resource for guidance on the removal of trees. It was agreed **Todd** will pursue his resource and guidance for the next meeting.

Several members noted that they liked the location of the buildings and that they would result in significantly less excavation work than would have been required for the original building locations.

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North Branch

Tad provided an update on his conversations with North Branch about getting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). He explained that they have asked the town to sign the proposed contract for construction management (CM) services prior to a GMP, but **Tad** said the town would like the detail of the GMP before committing to a construction manager. **Tad** said he spoke with the President of North Branch, **Joe Campbell**, last week and was asked if the town can commit to having North Branch as the CM. **Tad** said he cannot make that commitment at this time. **Joe** said they would be willing to move forward with generating a GMP, so long as **Tad** committed to give **Joe** an opportunity to make his pitch to the Selectboard prior to their decision on a CM. **Tad** said he agreed to that commitment and the members concurred. **Tad** noted when the meeting occurs, he will advise the committee members, so they can attend as well.

Todd asked about having North Branch sign a contract we prepare as opposed to us signing one from them. **Tad** said we could look at that at the time.

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Dana moved, seconded by Mike, to approve the May 26th minutes as written; vote in favor 7-0.

Septic System

Brian asked if there was enough room between the proposed building and Transfer Station driveway for a septic system. **Cindy** said it is common for the site engineer to complete the septic design later in the process. It is not uncommon for it to not be done at this time.

Schedule Next Meeting

It was decided the next meeting will be held at 7pm on June 23rd at the Town Hall. It was agreed the agenda would include discussion of a forestry management plan and GMP.

Solar

Eddie said at the last Selectboard meeting there was discussion of setting up a separate committee to look at solar and energy efficiencies for town buildings. **Dana** said she has concerns about a separate committee being formed to look at solar for town buildings. She said there are options for solar at the DPW facility and believes our committee needs to be involved in looking at solar for it. She said there are options that need to be considered early on, especially if we want to seek grant funding. She noted we will also need to know the expected kilowatt usage of the facility sooner than later. **Dana** noted if solar is a good idea, it could be folded into the bond for the building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.