



**Town of Whitingham  
Highway Garage Committee**

**MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2020**

The Whitingham Highway Garage Committee held a meeting Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm. at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

Highway Committee members present: Marshall Dix, Scott Reed, Richard Lemaire, Donnie Boyd, and Richard Tefft.

Others present: Mary Lemaire, acting clerk.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

Marshall Dix called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Selectboard Meeting**

Marshall Dix informed the committee members that at the Selectboard meeting the Engineer's Proposal for Limited Preliminary Civil Engineering & Site Feasibility Services Whitingham Town Garage at Existing Site Project #20-066 was presented and approved. Further discussion of the proposal: Richard Tefft thought the engineer was going to say more about the current garage that site was not appropriate for the town's needs. Richard did not want to spend time and money on more research of the existing garage; Donnie Boyd agreed. Scott Reed said the Selectboard had already accepted the proposal as written by the Engineer. Marshall understood the proposal is small part on the existing garage and more on the next steps.

Richard Tefft then made a motion “not to spend any time or money on the current garage site”. Marshall recognized the motion and asked for second. Motion was seconded by Richard Lemaire. Votes resulted in unanimous yes vote; motion was carried. Scott Reed agreed to contact the engineer about the committees concerns of not spending any more time or money on the current site. Engineer reported back no money will be charged for looking at original site only on the new proposed sites. Engineer also stated that to save money present any and all new sites at one time not piece meal. After hearing directly from the engineer Marshall said they could now move forward to next step looking for New Sites. In further discussion the committee members had been approached by local land owners and Scott will be setting up scheduled times to meet with them. Marshall said that the only thing the road commissioner asked that property should be at least 5 acres. The committee members thought that was a good idea. Committee members shared individual comments pros and cons on some new garages in area and other towns and did not want to limit acreage for future needs.

The next meeting was set for Friday July 24, 2020 at 9:00am to meet with different property owners. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.