



**Town of Whitingham
Highway Garage Committee**

MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2020

The Whitingham Highway Garage Committee held a meeting on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 1pm at the Whitingham Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

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

Others present: Gig Zboray, Selectboard Office Administrator.

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda

Marshall Dix called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Hearing of visitors (for concerns not on the agenda) None

Introduce new members

Richard Tefft and Donnie Boyd were welcomed as new members of the Highway Garage Committee.

Set regular meeting dates

Mr. Dix questioned how often this committee would like to meet. It was decided to wait to see what direction to move in before setting meeting schedules.

Make plan to move forward

This committee must look at several options including using the same building/site as well as other sites. Mr. Reed noted that an engineering firm that he uses is willing to come down and meet with this committee at no charge, if they were to do a feasibility study there would be a charge. In the next 2 years the wetlands rules could be changing to make the current site even more difficult.

The Twitchell Farm on either side of Town Hill Road has possibilities. Discussion ensued around the helicopter pad at the school. A Boyd property of Allard Road was discussed as well.

Mr. Tefft asked what sort of permits the town might need? An engineering firm could answer that better than anyone at the table could. Mr. Tefft questioned how many acres would be needed for a new garage. Mr. Reed spoke to Mr. Janovsky in the past, he thinks the answer might be 5 acres. Mr. Dix will find out how much land Wilmington uses for their garage.

Discussion ensued regarding fencing, Act 250, disturbance of prime farmland, other possibly properties. Mr. Tefft suggested inviting Brad Lackey to a meeting because he knows many of the properties in town.

Mr. Reed will invite the engineering firm and the next meeting will be scheduled based on their availability, possibly 2 weeks from today.

Committee members will keep their eyes out for possible properties.

Other business – as needed None

Adjourn

Marshall Dix adjourned the meeting at 1:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
~Gig Zboray