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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2021

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Selectman Nelson and Selectman Pitt were present. Also in attendance was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator. Tom Weller, David Bergeron, Bruce Lyman, Bob Sweet, Mike Wiber, Jeff Miller and Ted Fellows.

Chairman Paight began by asking Mr. Bergeron to explain what he meant when he said the tunnel was at capacity. Mr. Bergeron provided a handout to the Board which contained information on how he arrived at his conclusion. He reviewed soils, watershed, characteristics of the run off and different land cover. He also looked at different types of storms, 25-year, 50-year and 100-year.

When asked what size culvert would be recommended when the time comes to be replaced, he estimated one that is 8' wide by 6' deep this would most likely need to run from Bixby down to the State drain by Pleasant Street. The current tunnel is 3' deep by 4' wide. He said that the current structure doesn't quite meet the needs for a 25-year storm. Mr. Bergeron explained that the addition will not increase run off into the tunnel as it will be designed to take care of stormwater on site. Mr. Fellows added that the slope of land and the culvert are also important. The NHDOT is the regulating entity and determines storm interval. There will be an added cost in the future replacement culvert due to the addition placement if placed on the Route 124 side. Mr. Weller said he had a design for the narrower plan and it keeps the floor plan reasonable.

It was noted that at this time the current structure is operating fine.

TA Smith explained the Board's broader view which includes due diligence to see if there is an alternative site placement that eliminates a major risk factor. Not only is the Board responsible for the library site but also what is best for the town and the future. They believe it is prudent to investigate the Pleasant Street side. Selectman Pitt noted that the Board is interested in the existing building, the proposed addition and stormwater infrastructure and how it affects the neighborhood as a whole.

Members of the 150 Committee in attendance were asked why the current placement was chosen. At the time it seemed like the most logical, feasible idea. Potential risks

were discussed and some of the mitigation steps were noted such as deeper footings, proper fill material and building as far away from the tunnel as possible.

Next the driveway was discussed. It was noted that no matter where the addition is located the driveway will require changes.

Chairman Paight shifted the discussion to talk about Library Way. They talked about traffic flow, routing of heavy equipment during construction and the possibility of widening a portion of the road.

There was agreement that there has been a lot learned about the site over the past few months.

Jeff Miller left the meeting a 6:00 pm.

The group touched on the budget and the cost per square foot. It was noted that January was the best month to go out to bid.

At 6:25 pm everyone but the Board, TA Smith, Mike Wilber and Bruce Lyman left.

Those remaining discussed what was presented at the meeting.

Selectman Pitt moved and Selectman Nelson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator