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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2021

Chairman Paight stated, as Chairman of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll call attendance:

Chairman Paight	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Pitt	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room
Selectman Nelson	Yes – Present on Zoom	No one else in the room

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. Also present in the Zoom meeting were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Tom Weller, Ted Fellows and David Bergeron.

The Board asked if the placement of the addition on the Pleasant Street side had been considered? It would eliminate a lot of issues. Mr. Weller said it was not considered due to elevation concerns, the existing stairway would need to be relocated and there would be no outside access to the patio from that side of the building. This option would require more concrete work, you would lose several windows and natural light and there is a high water table.

With the tunnel capacity now an issue, what would be an adequate culvert in that area? Mr. Fellows said that additional investigation would be necessary. It would be necessary to work with the State to see what is necessary to handle a 50 year storm.

If the footing on corner of the addition closest to the tunnel was lowered to the depth of the tunnel would this help with stability both of the addition and future culvert replacement?

The group discussed reducing the addition size. This may lead to defeating the purpose of the addition if it is not big enough to serve the purpose.

It was decided that the Board does need a scope of service and quote from Randall Rhoades, PE of M & W Soils Engineering, Inc for the following:

1. We need to understand the outside wall of the underground tunnel in the area where the proposed addition is projected to be within just a few feet. There is a concrete structure with some kind of granite on the top and side that needs to be looked at.
2. The current plan is to move the current driveway on Route 124 which crossed over the underground tunnel. The engineers would like two holes to investigate the sidewalls, one on each side.
3. There are headwalls at either side of the entrance of Library Way off Route 124. The engineers need to investigate the sides.
4. A test pit needs to be dug on the Pleasant Street side of the existing building to see if that area is a viable option for the addition location.

One thing to keep in mind is that you don't want to spend a significant amount of money reinforcing an undersized culvert.

The proposal to have the new entrance off Library Way was discussed. This would include the widening of the end by Route 124 by 5 feet. Selectman Nelson has concerns over enforcement of a one-way street. There is also concern about people parking on Library Way. The area that is being recommended for widening is located in the Town's right-of-way so there would be no need for easements. The headwalls on either side of the culvert near Route 124 on Library Way need to be investigated to determine how they would be handled if the road is widened. The state may need to get involved as well.

TA Smith will email Mr. Rhoades and David Bergeron will be onsite with Randy when the work is to be done.

Mr. Fellows and Mr. Bergeron left the meeting at 1:10 pm.

The Board asked Mr. Weller if he could help them understand the budget and cost estimating. He verified that it was a quote put together by Cheshire Builders and the Town would not be privy to the details. So, the only budget on which fundraising was based was the 2 page Cheshire Builders quote. Subsequently, 7%-10% was added for a contingency plus a difference in cost under normal circumstances for a three year period. The spike in building materials currently taking place has not been factored in.

Chairman Paight will schedule a meeting of the Building Advisory Committee for Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 3:30 and provide an update. Mr. Weller will have a 25% completion set of drawings and will pause until the site investigation is complete.

Selectman Pitt moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 pm, roll call vote Chairman Paight – yes and Selectman Pitt – yes and Selectman Nelson – yes, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator