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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2021

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 9:00 am outside of the Frost Free Library. Selectman Pitt and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance was Ellen Smith, Town Administrator.

The Board took a look at the library site and took some measurements around the underground waterway and on the Pleasant Street side of the existing building. They discussed the fact that the current 4' x 3' concrete culvert was full of water during the rain over the weekend. Selectman Nelson came down shortly after the storm and observed that the water in the tunnel was within a couple of inches of the top.

The Board discussed the Pleasant Street site option noting that they would like to keep the patio undisturbed if possible. Further observation showed that there is a lot more space on that side of the building.

At 9:35 am the group moved the meeting to the Town Office. Discussion continued until DPW Director Cashman joined the meeting at 10:20 am to give an update on damage caused by the flooding. Sunday morning is when the majority of the damage presented. He was in touch with the Selectmen and TA Smith. TA Smith has been keeping record of all the damage in anticipation of the event being declared a disaster which may lead to FEMA reimbursement. On Sunday the first damage to be temporarily repaired was a culvert that had been washed out of the road on Maple Lane and found approximately 30' in the woods. This stranded several residents until a temporary repair was made. DPW got the temporary repair done very quickly. There was significant washout on Frost Hill Road, Hill Street, Glen Brook Road, Old Harrisville Road and Jewett Street. A section of Horse Hill Road was closed as it was impassable. There was a sinkhole on the driveway up to the RTC that will need to be fixed before opening to the public.

The Fire Department helped many residents pump water from basements. Reports of private property damage is coming in and is being added to the log.

Director Cashman left the meeting at 10:50 am.

Discussions shifted back to the library addition. The Board would like to ask Tom Weller and David Bergeron to develop a footprint plan for placement of the addition on the Pleasant Street side. A minimal, basic plan to see if it will fit at that site and to

identify any issues involved with building on that side. Until the Board is satisfied that all options have been investigated, they are not in a position to decide on the location.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

Selectman Pitt moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator