

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
HIGHWAY GARAGE STUDY GROUP (HGSG)

Monday February 26th, 2024 6:00 PM

Town Hall – Annex

Attendees: Jim Kingston, David Rosen, Heidi Thibodeau, Amy Cabana, Matt Cabana, Bruce Kullgren, Clay Lennartz, Peter Allen, Emily Sliviak, Kathy Boot, Russ Huntley

Absent: Laura Lynch, Allan Pickman, Dan Courneyer

Guests: no guests

Start: 6:04

New Business:

1. Public Comment - none
2. Review and Approve HGSG Minutes of 12 Feb 2024

Lennartz made motion to accept corrected minutes; Allen seconded; all in favor

3. Membership in Traffic Study Committee and Board of Selectman Meeting

Kingston attended the BOS meeting and they would like a committee to be called Complete Street Task Force, which includes the traffic study. Allen will be on the task force to represent us.

Our warrant was recommended 2-1 by the selectman. Ezell's issue was that we had said we can do it for nothing, but it did have a cost tied to it now.

The rest of Town Meeting discussion was the order of the meeting. Kullgren said it will be before the budget and the petitioned article will follow the budget. A.Cabana asked if we can make a motion to move it to make it concurrent with the report. Kullgren said it can be done. This motion should be made when they are going over the agenda.

Old Business:

4. Cost-Benefit Update

Went over the lay out of the spreadsheet. Option 1 is the only one with an opportunity cost noted with it of the 4 options. Discussion circled around if there are known ones right now. There are not and that won't come about until forum's and such in the next year. Lennartz will work with Rosen on simplifying the verbiage as it is generally understood, to speak at an 8th grade level for everyone to understand.

Would like to have another meeting that is sooner than the 11th to go over what we want to actually say at the town meeting. At the meeting on 4th will pull together all the pieces.

Kullgren: going over pieces missing of his pulling together of costs. Sand shed waiting for concrete cost. He has the material number and framing number. Has the electrical number, that includes both replacement in old building and carriage shed option. Has heating price, heating options (getting new one broken out between the various options). Matthewson will be getting him the demo number this week.

Kingston wants to have a sequence diagram so people can see when things needed to be done by phase. There will be handout with some visuals.

Question was raised by A.Cabana as to whether the warrant article on combining existing trusts for Highway Dept and Fire Dept had any bearing on the maintenance budget for the HD. Does not have any bearing on building maintenance. Allen and others noted it was specific to their vehicle and equipment budgets and which would allow a shift between the two groups dollars so a new truck for fire department could be worked out without having to ask for a larger budget. Between the fire dept and highway dept, the totals were \$24K + \$16K respectively; which would allow more flexibility in buying vehicles.

Sliviak asked if there has to be a General Contractor to do town work. Kullgren said in the year 2000 when we built the other heated garage we didn't have to have one and doesn't believe that has changed. But do have to get 3 bids if moving forward.

Kingston discussed need to have appropriations of money for each part, but don't need to get into minute details. Could mention during discussion that there are sources of funds that could be used. If the town decides to move on we could identify grants that could help with preserving green fields and aquifers. Allen is still investigating if there are still some available at this time.

Lennartz asked if we were going to put numbers on benefits. Kingston confirmed not for this presentation because that would be more formalized during forum and survey process to happen after town meeting if warrant article is passed.

5. HGSG Report Update

Discussion for the outline of the meeting. A.Cabana thought the format used by Kingston in other town meetings would be great for this presentation. Kingston plans to go in that direction. What we found, benefits, up to and including doing nothing. This property in the current location is viable right now. Rosen mentioned giving the 30,000 view and giving the option to answer specific questions if anyone has any. Kingston will remind everyone that we have included all the information on their chairs: Requirements, CBA, options. Allen said feasibility is part of discussion as that was our purview so certainly ok to mention in the discussion.

Side note regarding not needing a larger area for garage or more trucks for the Highway Dept. There would need to be 16 miles more road to require another truck. That would translate into aprox 500 new homes.

Have 15 minutes to present report, then presenter for warrant article would have 15 minutes. A.Cabana will do the warrant article presentation. The write up in the town book will hopefully be read before they go to the meeting.

Other Business: None

Next meeting will be March 4th, Town Hall Annex and the 11th if needed.

A.Cabana motion to adjourn; Rosen seconded; all in favor.

Ended 7:10