

Highway Committee of the Rutland Town Board of Selectman

9-11-15

The committee met on September 11, 2015 at 11:30AM in the Select Board room at the Town Office. Present were committee members Mary Ashcroft and John Paul Faignant with Road Commissioner Byron Hathaway and Fire Chief Frank Cioffi.

1. New Highway Garage sprinkler system.

Fire Chief Cioffi addressed his concern about lack of a sprinkler system in the proposed highway garage. Road Commissioner Byron Hathaway explained that the project had gone to bid without a sprinkler system but with enhanced fire retardant walls so that a waiver could be applied for. He explained that other, larger, highway garages had received waivers from the sprinkler requirement. He also explained that the building was designed this way because there is not sufficient pressure to have an active sprinkler system without installing an expensive pump system to charge it.

The committee discussed the following options:

--Shorten the building by 12 feet so that the building would be under the 5000 square feet which triggers the sprinkler requirement;

--Leave the project as is, with double insulation in the walls between the highway bays and the office/employee space, and request a waiver as originally planned;

--Install a dry sprinkler system with a fire department connection on the outside of the building; in the event of fire the department would charge the line with the pumper and active the sprinkler system; we could also install a larger line of 4-6" from the City hook-up to the building, with a standpipe for future hookup subject to voter approval.

After discussion of all options, the Committee decided to recommend to the full Board the third option—installing the dry system with an outside FD connection, run the larger 4-6" line now and cap it for future connection after voter approval, install the double wall insulation as originally planned, and request a waiver.

Byron will alert David Josselyn of this change and get figures on this addition to the contract. The Select Board will find money for this change, possibly from the timber harvest fund earmarked for highway department use.

2. New Highway Garage Color:

The committee reviewed on-line color schemes on a sample building, and recommended that the Select Board approve a charcoal grey roof, rustic red sidewalls, and white trim.

3. New Highway Garage AIA contract and Town Attorney Review:

Town attorney Kevin Brown is working on comments and some changes to the proposed AIA contract with Josselyn Brothers. The committee will meet with David Josselyn next week with Kevin's comments in hand and review the contract item by item to prepare it for approval by the full Board.

4. New Truck Specification Review:

Road Commission Byron Hathaway explained the chart he prepared showing the bids received for a new highway pick-up truck. The committee discussed two options—the Chevy truck at Alderman’s and the Ford truck at Ted Green. The Alderman’s bid is \$3,000 lower, but Byron noted that Ted Green Motors has very good service, and that the mechanic usually used by the Town works very well with Ted Green as well.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Select Board the lease/purchase of the Ford truck from Ted Green with trade in of the existing highway truck to reduce the price.

5. Railroad Crossing Repair at Route 3: Byron said he had talked with the contact who will do the work for the railroad, and the contractor won’t ask for a detour from the state. They are working out a way to avoid closing the whole road during construction. This work likely won’t start until October.

There being no further business to discuss, the Highway Committee adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ashcroft, Select Board