

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

ROOM 9, ACTON TOWN HALL, 472 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Dean Charter, Fred Faherty, Erik Larson, Ken Henderson, Ann Chang, Corey York, Mark Hald, Robert Puffer

ABSENT: Roland Bourdan

OTHERS PRESENT: Claire Siska, John Comeau, Adam Nolde, Carl Maria

The meeting came to order at 7:00 PM. No formal votes were taken other than to adjourn

Citizen concerns:

Claire Siska asked that the committee consider the swap shop in its recommendations. She said that the shop is very busy and in need of twice the existing space to operate efficiently. There were several comments that if the first stage of the project were limited to the garage and office space the recycling area may have to wait for stage two.

Chang moved to approve minutes of 5/25/22 meeting, seconded by Faherty, voted unanimous

The chair introduced John Comeau from Weston and Sampson to give an update to the report which had been circulated previously. John reiterated that the 1970 building was grossly undersized and in overall poor condition with inadequate employee space. Ken Henderson asked if showers were necessary. The majority of members felt they were.

John said that the salt storage shed was in good condition. There are two choices: salvage the existing vehicle storage area or start over. Either will require the relocation of the fueling pumps and tanks. Since the fueling station must relocate under both scenarios a discussion concluded that the fueling station be given priority. Corey York noted that the fuel tanks are approaching their end of life and will need to be replaced in any case. Corey York will get the data on the tanks. There was agreement that the noise impact on the neighborhood of construction and operations must be considered.

There was a general discussion of energy efficiency. A preliminary calculation had a load of 2.5 M btu's which would require an extensive geothermal well field. A suggestion was to compare this estimate to the new schools' requirements.

The Chair noted that we need nailed down the numbers for our meeting with the select Board.

The next meeting is with the Select Board on Monday July 25.

Henderson moved to adjourn, seconded by Faherty, voted unanimously, Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.