



DPW BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2025
7:00 PM
475 MAIN STREET
FAULKNER ROOM, 204

Present: Dean Charter, Corey York, Adam Nolde, Greg Jarboe, Tom Doolittle, Michael Harris, Thomas Begin

Additional Attendees: John Comeau and Della Donahue from Weston & Sampson; Kevin Weeks from PMA Associates;

Dean Charter, Chair of the DPW Building Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and read the agenda into record.

PROJECT UPDATES

John Comeau, Weston & Sampson, provided an update on the project. He discussed all value engineering efforts to date, providing a breakdown of S.F., reduction of construction contingency, elimination of construction phasing, reduction of geothermal wells, and identification of bid alternatives that are all focused on reducing the overall project costs. He indicated that these efforts have resulted in a 19% cost reduction (\$8,964,000) from the previous cost estimate. Mr. Comeau provided an updated site plan that highlighted reductions to the building. He explained these reductions would provide adequate space for operations and staffing but does not provide extra space for future expansion or operations.

Committee members discussed the revised cost estimate and debated adding the wash station into the base bid, highlighting environmental improvements and needs. Mr. Jarboe discussed upcoming Town Meeting and possible impacts from tariffs and the volatile markets. He explained he felt that the timing was not right to move this project, and reviewed the upcoming ballot vote and town meeting. David Martin, Select Board member, discussed the wash bay and the possibility of building the shell first then installing the wash equipment. Committee members discussed the revised estimate and new calculations on tax impact to single family homes and condos. Alissa Nicol, Select Board member, discussed the wash bay station and asked what the

capacity is with the designed space in terms of supporting washing of school buses and fire trucks.

The committee discussed the upcoming ballot question and possibilities of receiving approval or having the ballot question voted down. In either event, the project in one form or another would then go to Town Meeting.

Mr. Charter moved to recommend the DPW Building Project of \$35,200,000 move forward to Town Meeting to the Select Board, seconded by Mr. Nolde; 6-1-0 (Mr. Jarboe) voted in favor.

Mr. Adam Nolde moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm; Mr. Jarboe seconded the motion; the Committee voted 7-0-0 in favor.