

APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
July 17th, 2023, 7pm

Selectboard:

Linda Peltier (Chair), Guy Charlton, Jerod Glover, Brad Barrett, Tom Bartholomew

Others:

Carrie LaFond (Selectboard Assistant)

Public:

Jack Helm, Jon Dodd, Caleb Parker, Steve Murray, Wayne Fletcher, Jamie Longtin, Jeff Washburn, Brian Fowler

Call to Order:

Linda Peltier (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approved Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Guy Charlton and seconded by Jerod Glover, motion was passed.

Public Comment:

Jack Helm commented on how difficult it was to hear during the meetings and suggested rearranging the office.

Garage Planning:

- Discussion on hiring a consultant/project manager for the Town garage project. Estimated that it would cost around \$40,000.
- Question was asked how much the Town has already spent on the garage that the Town can't get back. Answer: \$13,000 for the concrete and building plans from Clear Span.
- Question was asked can we use the plans from Clear Span on another building? **Answer:** No, the plans are specific to the metal building.

Motion by Tom Bartholomew to recommit \$50,000 of the \$100,000 ARPA funds that was previously committed to the Town garage for pre-construction costs, second by Jerod Glover, Motion passed.

- Discussion on can the plans be changed from what the Town voted on. **Answer:** The voters voted on a not to exceed \$450,000 only.
- Question was asked does the project have to be put out to bid? **Answer:** This will be investigated, it's not exactly clear.

Motion by Tom Bartholomew, second by Brad Barrett to authorize Tom Bartholomew to investigate Consultants/Project Managers to gain a better idea of costs involved in building the new Town Garage, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Brad Barrett, second by Jerod Glover at 8:50

Respectfully submitted.

Carrie LaFond

Selectboard Assistant