

APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BENSON, VT
August 14th, 2023, 7pm

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

Others: Carrie LaFond (Selectboard Assistant)

Public: Wayne Fletcher, Jack Helm, Gary Freeguard

Call to Order: Linda Peltier (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Approved Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Brad Barrett, seconded by Guy Charlton, motion passed.

Public Comment:

- Jack Helm stated that he had been out to the Brown property to establish the Town right of way and the highway department was within the right of way while clearing, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

Town Garage Planning

- Gary Freeguard (Contractor) gave a brief description of buildings that he had built including the following: Whiting Town Garage, Manchester Salt Shed, and numerous Firehouses.
- Recommends (3) bay garage that would be 72' by 52.'
- Discussion that the property line needs to be confirmed.
- An oil separator and drain is recommended.
- An Architect would need to be hired to have approved plans to submit to the State for permitting reasons.
- Question was asked about how would the Contract work if Gary Freeguard was to build the Town Garage? Answer 1. Gary Freeguard would give a rough cost estimate 2. An Architect would draw up plans 3. The plans would be submitted to the State of Vermont for approval 4. A lumber and materials list would be supplied 5. A contract would be drawn up and signed.
- Question was asked what would the pay schedule look like? Answer: No down payment, and increments based on completion phases.
- Question was asked how long would the process take? Answer: If the permits were ready to go the garage could be started in the spring and completed within- 4 to 5 months.
- If the Town did the demolition of the building and site preparation, there could be some cost savings.

Motion by Jerod Glover to proceed with the planning and development of the Town Garage with Gary Freeguard, second by Guy Charlton, motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Brad Barrett at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie LaFond
Selectboard Assistant