

Charlie Smith, Mike Wright, Herb Austic Chase Kling Select Board Present  
Called to order 6:01pm

11 January 2024

Approval of 12/14 Committee minutes  
Approval of 12/18 work session minutes

Herb presented two options for a multi use storage building on the town garage lot. Both buildings approx. 2400 sq ft One being a Bright Span Quonset structure, the other a pole barn structure. Both structures were comparative in price, at a cost of approx. \$90,000.00. The committee agreed that the pole barn was a better choice because of the durability and life expectancy, as well as the possibility of other uses in the future.

The committee recommends that the town repair the existing salt shed as is, and that the select board should put this on a high priority once the winter season is over. They feel if repaired it could be utilized for many years to come with a small cost to the town.

The Archertown hill project was discussed. Reviewing the scope of work from Right angle engineering that the gravel sample the committee had taken from the hill, failed to meet her specs, which are also NHDOT specs. Which in simple terms means the road was constructed on what appears to be a substandard base and will most likely start to fail in a short amount of time.

The committee wondered if the Engineer was in control of the construction as it appears in her invoice, how was that possible? Review of Erins invoices reveals invoices totaling 168202.91 Her estimated fees were 25000.00.

It was assumed that she was assigned by the road agent( select board) to be the project manager, which would normally be the job of a qualified ROAD AGENT which the town does not have, and has not had for approx. the last two years. The committee feels as the Town needs to actively try to find a person for that position.

It's felt that the select men are overburdened with all their responsibilities without having to be a road agent as well. Charlie asked if the town could hire a qualified person to be a so-called project manager for future highway projects. Committee agrees that something needs to be done, as they were not asked for any input on the hill project. Every time the committee came forward with concerns or options on the hill project they were advised by the select board that this was not in their scope of work.

The committee will take a different stance with phase two so that a repeat of the issues from phase 1 will not repeat. They hope the select board will see the value of experience of the committee and allow them to be involved.

The committee has over a combined 100 years of construction, and construction management and would hope the select board would utilize that expertise for the taxpayers.

Mike stated that Vt. has a State project manager in regard to road project and was uncertain if NH had a similar option?

Charlie asked if the fire dept. building was town property? Chase replied it was privately owned

Charlie motioned to adjourn at 7:13  
Herb second the motion

Next meeting 2/8 @6:00

Submitted by Herb