

DPW Facility Committee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017

Meeting Room - Longmeadow Fire House

Committee Members Present: Chris Cove, Peter Greenberg, Mary Beth Morris, David Appleman, Mary Pat O'Connor, Ryan Shanks, Doug Jangraw

Absent: Dave Horowitz, Arlene Miller

Public Visitors: Doug Sarnelli

Town Officials: Steve Crane, Richard Foster

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Old Business:**
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting was made (Appleman/Jangraw) and passed unanimously.
3. **New Business:**
 - Steve Crane provided a brief update on the acquisition of the Grande Meadows property. The appraisals were completed and supported a \$2.6 valuation.
 - It was noted that the 2nd Town Forum on the DPW facility was held on April 26 and was well received. Many of the residents' questions related to why we could not use the Pondsides site. Steve Crane may work with Jeff from W&S to incorporate some bullets on this topic. Overall, it was felt the majority of attendees supported the project.
 - The upcoming Town Meeting was discussed (May 9 and 10).
 - DPW members will sit near the front and will be prepared to respond to questions. (Steve Crane will talk to the Town Moderator to confirm logistics of how DPW Committee members can participate).
 - The DPW facility Questions are #9 and #10. Steve Crane will talk with Town Moderator to see if Jeff's presentation can be made at the beginning of Question #9. Richard Foster will read and introduce the Questions, and then Steve will introduce Jeff. Steve may also remind residents of prior discussions on the facility project from prior Town meetings.
 - A 2/3 approval at Town Meeting is required for both Questions in order to move forward. If approved, there would then be a further ballot vote on June 13, where a simple majority approval would be required.
 - The question of how to deal with the RE tax and Water and Sewer fee impacts was discussed. It was agreed that Paul Pasterczyk should respond if this question comes up.
 - We agreed we should also encourage other residents who have been involved in the DPW facility discussions to attend Town Meeting and support the project.
4. **DPW Open House:**
 - A DPW "Open House" will be held Sunday, May 7 from 12 noon-2p.m. Dave Appleman agreed to bring the posters and flyers. Mario Mazza will provide a guided tour to those interested.
5. **Social Media Update:**
 - Ryan agreed to update the Facebook site to reflect the upcoming Open House/guided tour and also encourage residents to support the project at Town Meeting.
6. **Date and Time for Next Meeting:**
 - This was deferred until after Town Meeting. If the project is approved, it was noted we will likely need to transition the project to the permanent Building Committee at some point.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made (Appleman/Jangraw) and passed unanimously.