

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**AUGUST 27, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

This was an emergency meeting with 24 hour notice posted, regarding septic system issues at the Highway/Fire Department building.

Selectmen present: Chairman Don Hill, Leigh Callaway, and George McCusker.

Others present: Alli Wheeler, Tom Duling, Mike Lawlor, Ed Belfield, Bill Huntoon, Road Agent Pete Abair and Police Chief Tim Julian.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Review of the existing leach field shows that the field has failed and needs to be replaced. Pete contacted septic designers. John Downing was able to come over yesterday. Test pits were dug to pursue a location of a field. The water table is at 32". Mr. Downing quoted a cost of \$2000.00 to design the system which includes the \$300.00 application fee to the State.

Options:

- A. Clean solutions system with H2O concrete chambers under the parking lot.
- B. System about 400' up the hill, which would be very costly and require two pump stations to get there.
- C. System could be raised and go in the area of the sand pile, but would require a pump system.

The concrete system is easiest to maintain. The chambers can be lifted and the field replaced if needed in the future. The tanks should be inspected at least every two years to see if they need pumping. Inspection is about \$100.00 each year or \$200.00 for a two-year period. The chambers are rated for vehicle traffic and are readily available.

John Downing will be contacting the State to see what the size requirements are based on the type and use of the building.

Selectmen agreed this is an emergency situation that needs to be remedied as soon as possible. They agreed not to go out to bid with the design process so as to be able to move forward quickly.

Tim Julian asked how the pipes would be run, since there is an issue with the existing pipes running up hill. Pete stated the tanks would be located closer to the building, and the pipes would be sleeved and insulated. Tim inquired if there was an emergency that required use of the building, what would be done. Currently, there is a 1250 gallon tank that could be pumped day by day as needed, or portable toilets could be brought in.

Billy questioned the status of the perimeter drains around the building. Pete stated the fire department has flushed those drains before. He has not checked them lately.

Leigh moved to engage the services of John Downing to design a septic system for the highway/fire garage, at a cost up to \$2,000.00 including the \$300.00 State application fee. Motion seconded by George McCusker and unanimously approved.

An estimate of \$30 to \$40 thousand was discussed. Peter Abair indicated that it could probably be done for half that much; the highway department can do a lot of the work.

Selectmen discussed areas related to management of the budget in light of tentative expenses for a new leach field. If there is not enough money in the budget to cover this cost, the Selectmen may appeal to the Budget Committee and the Department of Revenue for authorization to expend money from the unassigned fund balance if necessary.

Leigh shared another budget list. He stated he has prepared enough information for the Selectmen to go through the budget line by line to look at existing funds, freezing funds, or other discretionary expenses that can be delayed to pay this expense.

Pete stated the existing system was built equivalent to a two-bedroom system. The system is very small and is not in an ideal location. There is probably a lot more water there than when the system was put in.

The ball field, in the area where the recreation shed is was another possible location. That also would have required multiple pumps and involves two separate lots of record.

Brian Stearns suggested there might be funding available from FEMA with the rationale being that this is a building that also serves as an emergency shelter. Janet reported she contacted Liz Lufkin our area rep from the Department of Homeland Security, and there does not appear to be funds for this purpose.

Tim Julian suggested contacting Senator Ayotte's office.

Of Note: The Selectmen's meeting scheduled for September 8th has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

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