

Minutes of the East Montpelier Town Garage Facility Improvements Committee

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September 30, 2019 Meeting at East Montpelier Town Garage

Committee Attendance: Seth Gardner, Gene Troia, Casey Northrup and Road Foreman Guthrie Perry

Public Attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 a.m.

Additions to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

RF Perry gave a tour of the town garage property to the other committee members.

He showed how he has contained the town winter sand pile. He has located the pylons delineating the edge of the pile, dug around the edges and stacked up the sand. In effect making a smaller footprint of the pile, moving it away from the stream that surrounds the north side of the town garage and enabling a more accurate inventory of the sand. The sand pile now appears to be an adequate distance from the stream.

Next stop in the tour was the shed where signs and posts are stored. That shed is piggybacked against an old shipping container. It was noted that the shed is in poor condition and should be replaced, perhaps with a couple of shipping containers in better condition.

The salt shed was examined next and was noted to be in good condition and adequate for its purpose.

The committee then toured the interior of the town garage. Though generally in fair to good condition, the building has some definite limitations. The bays are too narrow for most of the equipment and barely long enough for some of the trucks when they are equipped with snowplows and sanders. The heating system is adequate but antiquated. The floor drains don't appear to be in compliance. The building needs to be expanded to accommodate existing equipment and future needs. To expand effectively, the structure needs to be taken down and a new garage built.

RF Perry is going to make some measurements of the existing building and the available space to expand into and get back to the rest of the committee. He will also look at some new municipal garages that have been built.

It was noted that if it was feasible the old fire station could be taken down and the town garage property could expand into that space. Using that space would make the highway garage expansion much easier.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Seth Gardner