

**TOWN GARAGE BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2012
BARKHAMSTED TOWN GARAGE**

Members in attendance were Paul Duran, Bill LeGeyt, Al Neumann, Rich Novak (alternate), Carmen Smith, Don Stein and Bob Zematis. Peter Bakker, Linda Persechino (alternate) and Gary Stewart (alternate) were absent.

Also present was Dave Nelson of Borghesi Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Rich Novak was appointed to a voting seat due to the absence of Peter Bakker.

On a motion made by Bill LeGeyt, and seconded by Rich Novak, the minutes of January 5, 2012, were approved unanimously. Al Neumann abstained.

Permits: Don Stein updated the committee on the various required permits. The CT DEEP permit for storage of oil and discharge of wastewater was approved by the State. The Spill Prevention and Control Plan does not require approval, but must be sent to and filed with the DEEP.

Schedule: The well is still on hold awaiting legislation that would allow the RRDD #1 to exchange property with the adjoining property owner, so that the RRDD #1 can drill a well on property currently belonging to the neighbor. The deed from the State for the RRDD #1 ownership of the previous railroad right-of-way does not allow for this sort of transfer. It is expected that the legislation will pass, but not until the end of the current session in early May. This well is needed to provide water to the RRDD facility and to the Town Garage. The RRDD is working through all of the other legal aspects and will hopefully be ready once the State provides permission.

Very few tasks remain on the punch list. Painting of trim, the second course of paving, radios for the garage, and the plants comprise the bulk of the open issues.

Costs and Change Orders: Based on an analysis of costs to-date and projected expenditures, the project cost at completion appears to be coming in between \$1.90 and \$1.95 million. This estimate is based on Borghesi returning all unused allowances to the town and the expected expenditures for outfitting the garage and the office/conference room area. Major expenditures still to come include furniture, the truck lift, the power washer and landscaping. In addition, the cost for the bond counsel and financial advisor are estimated to be \$51,000 in order to obtain a bond rating and to go out to bid for permanent bonds.

Discussion: Evelyn Betz, a resident who is a professional landscape designer, presented a plan she prepared free-of-charge, depicting recommended plantings and landscaping for the garage. This plan will meet the budget constraints, with the objective of being installed before the town-wide open house. She and Rich Novak agreed to meet to finalize the plan. The town will then go out to bid to purchase the plantings and for landscaping services to install them.

Other Business: The committee discussed a date for the town-wide open house and chose Saturday, April 21, to allow time for landscaping to be completed and to allow residents to see the garage, prior to

the budget hearing and annual meeting. The committee also approved wording for plaques to be placed in the garage signifying the contribution of the Building Committee and other volunteers. Those plaques will also be installed prior to the open house. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman