

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

PRESENT: Supervisor Mrs. Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Shawn Cushman

Councilman Garry James

Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Alger brought the meeting to order. She said she would like to discuss where the Town is right now on the issue of a Town Barn. She asked the Planning Board members, Jim Earing and Jack Adams what they had come up with for numbers for the purchase of a new site. Then she would also like Steve Fox to present the numbers he came up with for renovating the existing structure.

Mr. Mike O'Reilly and Mr. Dan O'Reilly introduced themselves as design firm engineers.

Jack Adams reported on talking to some local contractors about upgrading the existing building. One estimate came in at \$352,000.00 to about \$530,000.00. Mr. Earing felt that the whole floor should be taken out and redone. He felt that the cost of fixing the existing building would far exceed it's worth.

Mr. Oakley pointed out that even if the building were upgraded, there would still be the issue of storage for sand and salt. Presently, there is

not enough room for the proper storage of these materials which are in close proximity to a creek. The DEC could fine the Town for being in violation of proper containment of these materials.

Mr. Steve Fox disagreed with a lot of the figures reported by Mr. Earing and Mr. Adams. Mr. Fox did not think the whole floor needed to be replaced. Mr. Fox thought that \$100,000.00 could make the existing garage functional. Mr. Oakley said that the building would still be cramped for space with the trucks they have.

The engineers reported that they were there to answer questions. Building a building is very expensive.

Mrs. Alger asked what the Board thought. Mr. James thought the Town's money would be better spent on a new building.

Mr. Cushman thought the existing garage is not a safe building for use by a Town of Plymouth's size.

There was a discussion about the issue of radiant heat in floors of a garage.

Mr. Williams agreed with both Mr. Cushman and Mr. James. He would like to see a new building built.

Mrs. Alger said she thought the Town should go ahead and buy Josh Winchell's property and build. She said the Town has capital reserve to build a building. A bank loan would be needed to purchase land. The property is approximately 85 acres for \$325,000.00. Mrs. Alger said that she and Mr. Oakley had talked to the bank that day to get an idea if there was any way feasible to finance the property. They said they could do a short term loan that could be renewable each year for four years (could go up to five years.). The Town could only pay on the interest at first if that is what the Town wanted.

The Engineers advised that the Town do their do diligence. There would be a lot of decisions to be made.

Mr. Garry James made a motion to purchase Josh Winchell's property. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

There was a lengthy question and answer session with the engineers mostly concerning the proposed building.

Mr. Williams made a motion to hire the O'Rielly engineers to go ahead with creating a schematic plan and estimates for a fee of up to \$2,500.00. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. James made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned.

As recorded by Mrs. Alger

Transcribed by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk