

**Town Board, Town of North East  
Workshop Meeting  
October 24, 2013**

**Members Present:**

Supervisor John Merwin  
Councilman Jim Campbell  
Councilman Ralph Fedele  
Councilman George Kaye

**Members Absent:**

Councilman Steve Merwin

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

He presented Ray Jurkowski the Town Engineer who presented a report on the Millerton Elementary School Feasibility Acquisition Study. Mr. Jurkowski spoke of a previous report that was presented on August 8, 2013 that looked at the initial feasibility. The building was initially considered as housing all Town offices plus the Highway Garage.

He reported that the property consists of 5.7 acres. The building was erected in 1929. The Town offices would use 15% of the building, leaving 85% remaining.

If the Town Garage were to be built on the property there would have to be a 100 to 300 foot wetlands buffer due to presence of a Bog Turtle habitat.

The cost of capital upgrades and improvements would be \$2,088,000.00 just for the Town's space. The operating and maintenance cost per year would be \$75,500.00.

The financial impact would consist of a \$2,000,000.00 bond for 30 years. The annual debt payment would be \$128,000.00 , which would increase taxes by \$57.00 for a house valued at \$150,000.

There was input from the community pro and against the acquisition.

Supervisor Merwin suggested another " round table " meeting and Councilman Kaye maintained that the Highway Garage needs to be in the mix.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens  
Deputy Town Clerk

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