

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
North East Highway Garage
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

Members Present:

Supervisor Merwin
Councilman Campbell
Councilman Fedele
Councilman Kaye

Member Absent:

Councilman Merwin

Call to Order:

Supervisor Merwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the North East Highway Garage.

The Supervisor informed the assembly that this meeting was the second in a series of information meeting being held on the proposed Highway Garage and Town Hall proposition.

Public Information Presentation:

The meeting was the second in a series of Public Information meetings on the proposed plans and estimates for the renovation and retrofitting of the Dutchess County Diesel property for the use as a Highway Garage and Town Hall. Mr. Ray Jurkowski provided a power point presentation and reviewed the Town Hall inadequacies. He provided pictures of the Town Hall offices. The proposed property sits on 3.88 acres. The main building will be Town Hall offices and the Court room.

Mr. Jurkowski pointed out that the project has been put on the November 3, 2015 Ballot, and that these meetings are to provide information and keep residents informed.

The Board and audience were informed that the Town has hired a Consultant for an environmental inspection. There a no known underground storage tanks, no spills on record with the DEC , but it was advised that more soil boring, vapor testing and water sampling may be done at a future date.

A detailed building inspection was done and it was determined that the heating and air conditioning system that is sufficient. The FEMA mapping in regards to the flood plain indicated that the finished floors were above the plain.

The plans anticipate a new 40' X 80' sand and salt building and the current 30' X 30' salt shed will be relocated to the new location.

Mr. Jurkowski showed a conceptual plan for the interior of the building. It included conference rooms, court offices and a larger waiting area.

He informed the audience that the bond amount to be borrowed would be for twenty five years.

There was a lengthy question and answer period, between constituents of the Town, Town Board members and Mr. Jurkowski.

Mr. Robert Cooper asked what the flood plain was? Mr. Jurkowski responded that the proposed site was above the flood plain.

Mr. Shawn Morrison asked about the water and oil separator? Mr. Jurkowski answered that this was a preliminary layout for the parking and not the finalized plan.

Ms. Louise Black asked how much parking would be available at Town Hall? She was told that Town Hall parking would exceed any need.

Mr. Jurkowski said that it was the intent to have all Highway equipment secured inside the building.

Ms. Black asked why there was a rush to get the proposal on the November 2015 Ballot? Mr. Jurkowski responded that if it were not on the November, 2015 Ballot a costly special election would have to be held.

Mr. Josh Schultz asked about a lift and ventilation at the site?

Mr. Peter Greenough read a letter he composed that showed other properties that were available. He asked why the Board was in such hurry, and many other questions.

Mr. David Sherman asked if the debt service would be for 25 years? The answer was yes.

Mr. John Midwood asked if there were any current plans for a Highway Garage if the project is voted down by the public. Mr. Jurkowski responded that if the Town had to construct a building it would cost more than 2.2 million not including a Town Hall.

Mr. Lenny Morrison said that the process of finding a site for the Town Garage started in 2003, and that we should go with Town Barn only.

Councilman George Kaye stated that the referendum was the start of the process and even if it is passed that there will be more meetings in the future.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councilman Kaye, seconded by Councilman Fedele the following was

ADOPTED – AYES – 4 (Merwin, Campbell, Fedele, Kaye)
NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope
Town Clerk

Approved: November 12, 2015

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