

Town of Lyme
12175 NYS Route 12 E
Chaumont, NY 13622
August 8, 2024
Special Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Councilmember Bourquin opened the meeting @ 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Town Highway Barn and other business.

Those present included Councilmember Farrell, Councilmember Bourquin, Councilmember Gosier, Town Clerk Ariana Henderson, Highway Superintendent Pat Weston, Rob Company and Nicole Fourth Coast and Jennifer Kingsley. There were other members of the public present.

Those absent included Supervisor Millington and Councilmember Donovan.

The Town had a call with the Colleen from the USDA.

Rob Company gave a brief overview of the Town Highway Garage Project. He explained that the 2nd public referendum proposition failed. There were different options discussed to reduce the scope of the current plan and possibly design a new plan.

Colleen suggested talking to local congressman about grants that may be available to offset some project costs. Fourth Coast stated that they would reach out to the congressman.

Rob Company asked if the Town was to change the building entirely or change the scope of the building what would USDA need from the Town. Colleen said that it is a possibility. An updated drawing and specs would need to be submitted and then they could go from there.

The Town does not need to do anything to extend the USDA loan currently. The interest rate will still be locked in at 3.25%.

Councilmember Farrell asked if any more bills from contractors have been received.

Rob Company said that only one company submitted a bill. Rob met with James Millington, Jennifer Kingsley, Greg Hoppel and Lynda Jackson to discuss building options on Tuesday. He has spoken to all four bidders to discuss reducing the costs of the building.

The contractors have agreed to hold their bids and negotiate with the Town.

There was a discussion on what would be used to heat the Garage and what Pat Weston needs for his Highway equipment.

Fourth Coast is going to collect more information regarding changes to the building and then schedule another meeting.

Jennifer Kingsley asked several questions regarding the financials of the Town Highway Garage.

The Town further discussed the financial accounts of the Town.

Councilmember Farrell said that he may be late to the meeting August 14, 2024, because he has to work late at his full time job.

Patrick Hathaway has spoken to Supervisor Millington about his transfer site issue, and nothing has been done. He has a vacation rental business. He takes his trash every 2 weeks to the transfer site. Last week the transfer site attendant peeled through his trash bags in his truck while he was taking care of his recyclables. The attendant then pulled out a milk carton and kicked him out of the dump and Mr. Hathaway had to take his trash with him. He went to the Cape Vincent transfer site, and he said the Cape Vincent employee says he hears this story all the time. He also spoke with someone else that was also verbally abused and banned for life from the Town of Lyme Transfer Site. He is asking the Town to pass a resolution to meet the Jefferson County regulations and accept any color bags at the transfer site. There will be a discussion at the regular monthly meeting.

Julie Grieco stated that there should be more transparency to the public and more information given.

Patrick Hathaway asked the Town Board what they would like to see the cost of the Highway Garage to be. Councilmember Bourquin said he wasn't sure.

Councilmember Gosier said that the Town will send a notice to the public to inform them of the Highway Garage bond.

Councilmember Bourquin asked for a motion to adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

Adjournment

Resolution 2024-144: Councilmember Farrell a made the motion to adjourn at 4:24p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Gosier; all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Henderson

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Town Clerk