

RTM Public Works Committee Meeting – June 5, 2017

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Members Present: Mark Adiletta, Mike Wheeler, Tom Moore, James Cameron, David Bayne, Frank Adelman, Richard Poli, Arpita Muchhal, Patti Bumgardner,

Absent: Iris Nix, Brian McKay,

This was a joint meeting of the RTM Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Finance & Budget and Board of Education Committees was led by Mark Adiletta, Chairman of Public Works. Comments were made by several members of the DPW Garage Building Committee as well as First Selectman Jamie Stevenson. A presentation on the DPW Garage Renovation Proposal was made by Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works, and Kate Busch, Town Administrator.

Background: This Public Works garage is the central facility servicing three Town departments – the Public Works Highway Department, the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Department and the Board of Education Maintenance Department. In June of 2013 after inspection and testing by TransSystems it was determined “the floor slab is in serious condition and in need of immediate rehabilitation based on the extent of concrete deterioration”. The report was referring to the main bays we all see when we drive by on ledge road. The PWD immediately modified their procedures so as to reduce stress on the structure including no longer storing loaded trucks in the garage. This change we understand impedes their ability to respond to snow emergencies in as timely a manner. In the intervening years a repair of the floor was contemplated as a one-off capital project only to not survive the budget process

The primary drivers of the project are replacement of the floor in the five bays facing Ledge Rd., removal and replacement of underground storage tanks for gasoline and diesel fuel (DEEP requirement), construction of a wash bay that can capture waste water (separating oil from water) before emptying into the sewer (DEEP Requirement) and replacement of the flat roof and installation of secondary roof drains. The estimated cost for the four drivers is \$1,300,000.

The building is currently valued at \$1,381,000. Once the cost of building improvements exceeds 50% of the value of the building, FEMA regulations require changes. The scope of the project requires ADA compliance. The State Building Code requires mechanical systems be brought up to the current code when changes are made to them. The incremental costs for these changes mandated by FEMA, ADA and Building Code is estimated at \$4,100,000. The total construction cost is estimated at \$5,400,000. The addition of the project contingency, insurance, fees, bonding, etc. brings the estimated Capital Cost (over all, fully bid, budget) of the project to approximately \$6,315,000. There was a Q&A following the presentation in which members of the RTM committees participated. The joint meeting ended and the individual RTM committees continued with their meetings.

The PW Committee voted 9 in favor and 0 opposed for the appropriation of \$6,315,000 to finance the construction of the Darien Public Works Garage Renovation Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Adiletta

Acting clerk