

Draft MINUTES
HIGHWAY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2005

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM. Present were Don Gould, Barry Donohue, Richard Mabey, Peter Simmons and Bob Strout.

Red Mabey explained that he and the Town Engineer had visited the Cherry Road site recently and that the engineer expressed misgivings about placing a salt storage facility in that location because of the existence of the aquifer. He believes that some spillage is inevitable while loading and off-loading salt and that there is a possibility that the aquifer and neighbors' wells could be affected.

After a brief discussion, all concurred that further consideration of the Cherry Road location should be tabled and other alternatives should be pursued.

Red Mabey explained that he had spoken with Jay McFarland about the possible availability of the old Ford location and learned that the McFarlands prefer to lease the premises for approximately Fifteen Thousand Dollars monthly. If they elected to sell it, they would probably ask for Two Million Dollars. All agreed that the cost of occupying this facility was prohibitive.

Red also explained that he had recently visited the 1.2 acre parcel owned by Stuart Spooner which is located to the rear of the Lamprey Fuel Storage Facility in the IBR Zone. Peter Simmons stated that Spooner had recently asked him if the Town would be interested in leasing that parcel.

After discussion, the consensus of the meeting was:

- This Committee should not consider or recommend any long term plan for the housing of the Highway Department until the Long Range Planning Committee completes its work and presents a plan to the Town for Capital Facility Projects.
- The Highway Department will probably be required to continue to operate out of the existing facility for the next several years until a long range plan for the Town's building needs is in place.
- Red Mabey will contact Stuart Spooner to ascertain whether his facility might be available on an interim basis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Donald B. Gould