

The Chair, Allen Hines, called the scheduled public session to order at 1:01pm. Those present included Lloyd Sullivan, Allen Hines (selectmen), Michael Pardue, (Town Administrator), Richard Mabey (Building Inspector), Robert Strout (Highway Agent), Judy Day and Ron Todd (Planning Board members). In addition, there were 12 members of the public and two print media reporters present.

#### **Cherry Road Recycling Center Site Walk**

Mr. Strout advised the Board that after much review of the site area, it was deemed beneficial to recommend placing the proposed highway facility at the rear of the lot, on top of the hill. The reasoning behind this recommended placement centered on the building being provided a southern exposure and the fact that there would be a great reduction in the amount of site work (excavation) that would be required. Mr. Strout further explained that it is proposed to place the salt/sand shed at the base of the hill, across from the recycling center. The placement of this facility at the base of the hill will allow for ease of access and improved containment of product.

The residents in attendance made several inquiries related to the proposed highway department building. Several residents stated they were present as it was their understanding that the Town was proposing this site be used as a "waste transfer station". It was explained by Mr. Strout and Mr. Hines that the site was earmarked to host the Town's highway garage and salt/sand storage building, not to serve as a "waste transfer station". It was further explained that the building is being designed to store the Town's highway department vehicles, currently four (4) trucks and a backhoe. Mr. Strout explained that the facility, as proposed, would likely allow for the housing of a fifth truck should future needs require and that the facility will provide an office and restrooms for highway staff. This clarification appeared to address many of the questions and concerns those in attendance expressed.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator, Highway Agent and Building Inspector, acting on behalf of the Town, to acquire pricing related to construction of the highway facility and salt/sand storage building on the Cherry Road Recycling Center site as proposed. He further requested that pricing be acquired using a design/build concept with the belief that this concept will likely be the most cost effective approach to this project. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote carried 2-0 with Selectwoman Landman abstaining from the vote.

#### **Adjournment**

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm.

Respectfully,

Michael W. Pardue  
Town Administrator

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1:00pm