

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Location: Upton Town Hall, main floor, 1 Main Street,

Present: Chairman Marsha A. Paul, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard and Administrative Assistant James R. Bates. (Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney did not attend).

At 12 noon an emergency meeting was called to order for the purpose of discussing a problem with the Station Street's generator. Selectman Picard stated he received information from DPW Director Steven Soma that there was an issue with the Station Street generator and the need to find out what the problem is. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Ron SanSouci called the Selectmen's office and informed the Administrative Clerk Karen Varney that the generator had shut down and was looking to the Board for direction. Selectmen Picard met with Mr. SanSouci at the Station Street pump station and noticed that the generator has some coolant fluid in the oil pan. There are two components to the M/G set, the generator and the motor (engine), the motor has failed. There is coolant from the motor that has leaked into the oil, which means there is an internal engine problem. It could be as simple as a gasket or worse a hole in the coolant system. It is unknown at this time what the damage is until they can disassemble the motor and take a look.

Unfortunately this situation creates no backup at that location for emergency power. Selectman Picard noted two options, utilize the portable generator at the DPW garage or rent a generator.

A discussion took place relative to the cost for repairs. A new generator cost between \$40,000 to \$50,000. If the damage to this general is substantial say \$30,000 then it was recommended that a new generator be purchased. The Departments generator is only two years old and is used as the backup power for the DPW garage and trailer. It was also noted that It can be used in multiple Town facility locations as a back up power source.

Chairman Paul recommended utilizing the generator from the DPW garage. Selectman Picard agrees and noted that once the Station Street M/G set is assessed from the mechanic, the Board of Selectmen can better determine the next step. Selectman Picard will work with Mr. SanSouci in contacting a mechanic.

Chairman Paul gaveled the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk