

Tyringham Highway Garage Committee
Meeting #5– Tuesday, September 25th, 2012

In attendance: Board of Selectmen (Al Wilcox, Peter Curtin, Chris Johnson), Molly Curtin-Schaefer, Matt Puntin, Les Beebe, Dick Loring, Maggie Howard

The Highway Garage/Buildings Committee met in the Town Hall meeting room on Tuesday, September 25th, 2012 at the request of the Select Board to enable Matt to provide an update on developments since our last meeting regarding the Transfer Station site. The five test pits dug in 2008 below the dumpsters did not show a good outcome, in terms of buried garbage and the fact that there is old wetland 6'- 8' down. So he explained that we would be dealing with a difficult debris problem. In addition, the stream that runs through the property is perennial (and therefore subject to stricter environmental regulations than wetlands), so it would be impossible to put in a septic system anywhere in the vicinity. There are also more garbage problems under the existing large shed as well as under the area next to the salt shed which also has set-back problems which would make it impossible to accommodate a garage building of the size needed. The only portion of the property which might possibly work is the north corner bordering the the Ken McIntosh property, where the land is slightly higher than elsewhere and therefore drier.

In light of all this, Peter does not believe that the transfer station area would be viable, however it was agreed that Matt would contact Mike at Berkshire Engineering for a final assessment of the land at the north corner, so that we can come to a final conclusion. If Berkshire Engineering does not recommend pursuing this part of the property, the Committee will continue its search for a suitable location.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Howard