

The Regular Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Tebbutt
Council Members: Linda Dobson
John Quenell
Steve Tucker
Alicia Bodmer

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, Nik Santagate- Justice, Don Oliver-Superintendent of Highways, and Pat and Tom Willis-Historians

RESIDENTS: There were 15 residents present

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Linda Dobson **to accept the Minutes of the Regular Town of Brighton Board Meeting on April 10, 2003, as written**, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 4, Abstain 1 (Bodmer)

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Total Revenue to Supervisor as of April 30, 2003, was \$12.85

Commission on 3 NYSDEC Sport License
6 Dog License Renewed
2 FOIL Requests

1. April 15, 2003, Faxed Public Notice to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Re: Town Clerk's Office closure from April 29 to May 6, it was published Tuesday, April 22, 2003
2. Attended NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference April 27 to 30 in Buffalo, passed out information to Town Board on Audit Responsibilities for Annual Reports from the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Bookkeeper, and Justice
3. Training Classes available: Schedule of Live, Interactive Satellite Teleconferences for May, September, October, and December distributed to Town Officials
4. May 1, 2003 received Tentative Assessment Roll from Assessor Doug Tichenor
6. Rabies Clinic will be held Monday, June 9, 2003, at the Town Garage from 5 to 6 pm
8. Park Use Schedule: May 2, 2003-Simkins
9. Town Hall Schedule: Lake Clear Daisy Scouts will be using the Town Hall on Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 pm until school is out in June. Assessor will sit at the Town Hall Saturday, May 17 from 9 am to 1 pm, Board of Assessment Review will meet Thursday, June 5, 2003, from 5 to 9 pm, and Food Pantry will be held Thursday, May 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

1. **FINANCIAL:** Financial Report as of April 30, 2003, was distributed to Board Members. The status of bank accounts is attached to these minutes.
2. **HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT:**
 - a. **Bid Release completed:** The notice to bidders was released on Monday, April 28. It was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on April 29 and May 1. North Woods Engineering has also caused it to be published in appropriate trade journals. The idea is to have the bid solicitation as widely disseminated as we can so that hopefully we will have a number of bidders from which to choose.
 - b. **Bid Book and Drawings:** Are on file and available to review at the Town Hall. Major construction features contained in the bid book are: Work to bid upon and be performed is divided into four categories: General, Electrical, Plumbing, and Heating (HVAC) Construction. The base line plan is a 60 X 140-foot building containing 5 vehicle bays, highway offices, and general town offices. Bid Options which will show increases or decreases in bid cost, include: Removal of carpeting in the town office portion of the building, addition of data cable interconnection within the town office area, construction of storage space over the town office portion, elimination of the entire town office section of the building, installation of an alternative planned heating system boiler, construction of a wash bay (Bay #5) and construction of dry storage area at the end of Bay #5.
 - c. **Meeting and communications:** A time line was prepared and is attached to these minutes.
 1. Bidders have until 3 pm on Friday, May 23 to respond. Once the bid responses are in, there will be enough facts in hand to consider whether to proceed with the project, and in what way. Unfortunately May 23 happens to be the Friday that begins Memorial Day weekend, but because of project schedule considerations it is important that the Board understand what the bids are as quickly as possible.

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt **to hold a Special Board Meeting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 23, to review the Town Garage Project bids**, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 5

2. The first thing the Board needs to do once the bid information is available is to inform the Town residents of the options and ask for their comments and suggestions. A letter should be sent to Town residents and a public hearing held. In order to hold to a schedule that will permit us to build this year if we chose, both actions have to happen promptly.

RESOLUTION #42

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$350 FOR MAILING

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt **to authorize the expense not to exceed \$350 for mailing an information letter to the Town residents concerning the New Highway Garage Project no later than Tuesday, May 27, 2003,** second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 5

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #42 declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #43

AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt **to hold a Public Hearing for public input on the Highway Garage Project on Thursday, May 29, 2003, at 7 pm,** second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 5

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #43 declared duly adopted.

3. After the Letter is mailed and the Public Hearing is held a Special Board Meeting will be needed to make some decisions on whether to build and if so what to build, awarding four contacts, and a Capital Project Resolution that actually creates and lays out a plan for financing the project.

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt **to hold a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7 pm to make decisions about the Highway Garage Project and funding,** second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 5

4. Under New York State law, the Capital Project resolution is subject to permissive referendum meaning that: The resolution must be publicly announced within 10 days after passage, the announcement must contain an abstract of the resolution and state that it is subject to permissive referendum; the resolution cannot take effect until 30 days after passage at the earliest. If the Town receives a petition within the 30-day period signed by 25 or more voters protesting the resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the town, the town must schedule a special town election to be held not less than 60 days after the filing of the petition nor more than 75 days after. The earliest construction could begin assuming no referendum is mandated, and that an APA permit has been received, would be the week beginning July 6.
 - d. **APA Permit:** Working on completing the application submission at the earliest possible date so the 90-day period that the APA may take to consider the application will start as soon as possible. If the full 90-day review takes place construction may not start this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP: Camp Gabriels has offered their crews to help the Highway Department clean up the sides of the roads. The tipping fees at the County landfill have been reduced for roadside waste during May.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TOWN HALL RESTORATION (Steve Tucker): Grant money is available to hire an expert to conduct an architectural feasibility study of the Town Hall. The grant is a matching funds grant. Ann Van Ingham of the New York Council of the Arts (NYCA) is in charge of the grant money but was not available to talk to this week. Pat Willis hopes the Town is not going to change the look of the Town Hall when renovating the Town Hall. She spoke to Steve Englehart of the Architectural Heritage Committee and has concluded that the people who conduct the study will preserve the look of the building. Tom Willis is concerned that with this grant the new Town Garage Project will become a two-part project and the second part will not get completed. Nik Santagate would like to see a needs assessment done for the Town Offices before they are added into the new Town Garage Project, which is already out for bid.

RESOLUTION #44

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR \$1,800 GRANT FROM NYCA

Motion made by Steve Tucker **to authorize the Town of Brighton to apply for a matching funds grant of \$1,800 for an architectural feasibility study of the Town Hall where New York Council of the Arts would contribute \$1,200 and the Town of Brighton would contribute \$600,** second by John Quenell, Aye 5

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye

John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #44 declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #45

AUTHORIZATION TO SET UP A CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (TOWN HALL RESTORATION) FOR \$1000

Motion made by John Quenell to authorize a Capital Project Fund for Town Hall Restoration for \$1000 through a loan from the General Fund, second by Linda Dobson, Aye 5

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #45 declared duly adopted.

2. ELEVATION STUDY FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE AREA: An elevation study needs to be accomplished on the Highway Garage land for North Woods Engineering and the APA Permit.

RESOLUTION #46

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND \$2,000 FOR AN ELEVATION SURVEY OF HIGHWAY GARAGE LAND

Motion made by Supervisor Robert Tebbutt to authorize the expense Not to Exceed \$2,000 from the Capital Project Highway Fund to hire Christopher Leifheit, LLS, to conduct an elevation survey of the Highway Garage land, second by John Quenell, Aye 5

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Aye
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #46 declared duly adopted.

REPORTS

1. **COURT (Santagate):**
 - a. There were 80 cases disposed and \$4,360 was sent to the State Comptroller.
 - b. Met with Auditor from the State Comptroller’s Office to discuss setting up the books correctly
2. **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE (Quenell/Oliver):**
 - a. Swept Roads
 - b. Removed plows from trucks
 - c. Cleaned vehicles
 - d. Moved dirt in the yard
 - e. Replaced Split Rock Road sign
 - f. Raked dirt roads
3. **INSURANCE/INVESTMENTS (Quenell/Dobson):** Nothing to report for Insurance. Balances as of April 30, 2003, for CLASS accounts are \$320,256.30 (Interest of \$255.68) for General and \$265,860.39 (Interest of \$212.24) for Highway. Interest rate is .97%
4. **DOG CONTROL OFFICER (Crary):** Free rabies clinic at Town Garage on June 9 from 5 to 6 pm
5. **ASSESSOR (Tichenor): No Report**
6. **TAX COLLECTOR (McKernan): No Report due to Emergency Surgery**
7. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (Lagree): No Report**
8. **CEMETERY (Dobson):** A pile of rocks has appeared at the cemetery; Linda Dobson will look into where it came from
9. **PARKS AND RECREATION (Tucker):**
 - a. Snow blower was removed and the mower deck was mounted on the tractor
 - b. Flowerbed near the parking lot was rebuilt; it needs top soil if the Highway has any. Camp Gabriels will donate flowers to fill the bed.
 - c. Paul Smith’s College Senior Class had a pig roast at the park on May 2. There were no problems with the students; they did leave 5 bags of garbage at the Field House.
 - d. Approximately one-quarter of the pine needles in the wooded area have been raked up and trucked away.
10. **HISTORIAN (Willis):** NY State Historic Register: Received a letter dated May 6, 2003, from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation, Re: Brighton Town Hall; application will be considered by the State Review Board at its next meeting for nomination to the National and State Register. The Town only owns the building and not the land; the attorney is working on the deed. The steps and under the piers needs repair.
11. **IRS SECTION 125 ADMINISTRATOR (Willis): Nothing to Report**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Gould Hoyt-Keese Mill Road: Now that winter is over could the Highway Department remove the sand from the roadside on the Keese Mill Road? It is dangerous for bicyclists and cars. Don Oliver,

Superintendent of Highways, said that Keese Mill Road is the last town road to be swept and they can pick up the sand.

Willie Sheridan –Wardner Road: Has the same problem with sand and would like it removed from the corner of the Rainbow Lake Road and Wardner Road. Don Oliver said if people rake it off their property into the roadside the Highway Department can pick it up, but they cannot go onto private property to get it.

Tom McKernan-Rainbow Lake: The County used to sweep County Road 60 (Rainbow Lake Road) in the spring, but they haven't in the last few years. Will they be doing it this year? Don Oliver said there was a County Highway meeting in May and he will ask.

Pat Willis-Garondah Road: Could Don Oliver ask about fixing the broken guardrail on County Route 60 also? Don Oliver said he would.

Art Robinson-Split Rock Road:

1. Appreciate the letter from the Supervisor concerning the Town Garage (dated March 3, 2003), first letter ever received from a Supervisor to residents concerning town business.
2. Would like to know who is eligible to use the Food Pantry? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the Food Pantry is not a Town Board function and Barb Marshall makes that decision.
3. How will the loan be repaid for the survey of the Town Hall? John Quenell said a bond anticipation note would be acquired if the project goes forward.
4. Are the Town Officials being compensated for the increase in workload from more residents moving into the Town? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt deferred the question to Tom Willis who did a very able survey of what the Town Officials were paid. Tom Willis said his committee found a very large spread between towns, so they picked 9 or 10 towns that had similar budgets to Brighton. They averaged the salaries and compared them to the Town's salaries. In some cases pay was below average and some were above. Salary adjustments were made in the 2003 Budget and the Board plans to continue to use the survey. Should have another survey in three years.
5. Town Hall survey and Garage Project are separate issues and one should not hold up the other
6. Fire Department should be compensated in some way for volunteer work. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the Town compensates the Fire Department by purchasing their services. Steve Tucker said the Length of Service Award is being looked into for the volunteers. It's an insurance policy where the town would pay the premiums. The cost is high the first three years but is reduced after that period. Roger Smith is looking into the program for the Fire Department.

Willie Sheridan-Wardner Road: Sent a letter to the Board dated April 23, 2003 (attached), and was wondering if her concerns had been adequately addressed. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the Board members had the letter and if she would like to address her concerns to the Board he would try to address them. He visited contractors in Plattsburgh to determine what the cost of the Town Garage would be and was unable to get good estimates. The fastest way to obtain estimates was to go out for bids and give options for different estimates. The town wouldn't pay a lot of money for an architect to draw up plans. So the board hired an engineer to set up a bid book for a design build with what the Town wanted. Preliminary drawings have been on file at the Town Hall. Willie Sheridan said the letter to the whole community was great, it really communicated the need for the Town Garage. In the letter it estimated a cost of .34 cents per \$1,000 of assessment on property values, is still a good figure? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said this was just a shot based on what information he had. He will know more on May 23, 2003, when the bids are open. Willie Sheridan asked if anyone looked at the utilization projection of all space once the project is completed. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said that he and Don Oliver sat down and looked at all the vehicles that needed to be in the new garage and by doubling up in each bay five was the smallest amount that would house all the vehicles. The wash bay is needed to keep the vehicles clean. Don Oliver said there is a lot of equipment besides the vehicles that need to be inside the building. Environmental rules dictate the size of some of the space. Willie Sheridan asked why the Town of Franklin's garage is so much smaller than what the Town is proposing. Don Oliver said the Town of Franklin garage is not well designed or built. They cannot get the tandem truck into the building with the plow on it and they cannot fit two vehicles in one bay. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said it was not fair to compare our needs to another town that doesn't have an adequate building. Willie Sheridan asked about the utilization of space for the Town Hall especially if the Food Pantry moved into the new garage. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he didn't have a desk when he took over the Supervisor job. The Town Hall is used more hours than it was 20 years ago. There is no space left for filing cabinets in the room now. There has been no survey to determine the space needed but by looking at the room it is obvious more space is needed. There have been no complaints about building a new garage and to add the offices the infrastructure did not need to be changed. The Town has to provide adequate and fireproof space for the Town Records. The new town office area would have a new vault for Town Records. Between the old vault and the new vault there should be enough space for the Town Records. A letter dated May 8, 2003 (attached), was received from the Town Clerk Elaine Sater addressing this issue. The Board is interested in doing what the town wants. The public could use the Town Hall space as a Community Center. The Board has received letters from four or five residents addressing this issue, some from two years ago. They would like the building restored to its original look. Other people would like to see the building continue as a Town Hall. The building needs some work and the water is not drinkable. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he thought Justice Nik Santagate and Town Clerk Elaine Sater did not want to move out of the current Town Hall. They responded they did not want to move out of the current Town Hall.

Nik Santagate-McColloms: It scares him that the Supervisor is asking the question now whether the Justice or Clerk wants to move or not. He is floored by that question tonight; the question should have been asked before tonight. John Quenell said a letter dated February 28, 2003 (attached), was mailed to the

Town Officials and employees asking for input on the new Town Garage Project. Nik Santagate said he was out of the country for two weeks when the letter was sent and did not know about the addition of the Town offices to the new town garage project until March 18 when he returned home. He asked when was the permit applied for from the APA? The town is putting the cart before the horse. It was not in the too distant past that the letter to the Town Officials was sent and now the Board is saying that the Town Garage Project with town offices is a done deal. A meeting was held to discuss the preliminary plans on March 19 with the Town Clerk and other Town Officials. The storage space for town records is currently 97 square feet. What is the space in the new plan? Can the other board members tell him? The other members of the board are not very familiar with the plans. There would be about 70 square feet in the new vault, which is smaller than what is available now. John Quenell said the old vault would have to be used as well.

Elaine Sater-Route 86: The town's records should all be stored in one place where they would be in a fireproof vault in the Town Clerk's Office. John Quenell said the records are two different places now so why can't the records from the garage be stored in the current vault. Elaine Sater said there is no room in the current vault for the items stored above the current Town Garage. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt asked if he could continue his dialogue with Nik Santagate. Was Nik Santagate against building the Town Garage?

Nik Santagate-McColloms: He is against the process that we have gotten to this point, whether it is the Highway Garage or Office Building. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt would like to be constructive and move forward and not be negative about the way things were done. He understands that Nik does not want to move out of this building. Nik Santagate replied that he would move out of the building if the town determined that building new offices was the right thing to do. The board has not even determined if this is the right thing to do. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt agreed that the Board has not yet made that decision. Nik Santagate is confused as to how the project got to the point its at without a Board decision.

Mike Quenell-Hoffman Road: Would like to know at what point the people think the project is? The information is still being gathering to make a decision.

Lydia Wright-Keese Mills Road: How can things be put out to bid if there has been no public input, needs assessment, and the APA application has not been completed? Usually projects have assessments before bids go out. Is the Town obligated to accept any of the bids? . Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said no, the Town is not obligated to accept any of the bids. The town needed estimates to continue the process. The Town Garage Project has been ongoing for several years before he became Supervisor. He read from the letter sent to the Town Officials. He received no responses from Town Officials. The Town Clerk asked for a meeting of the Town Officials/employees who use the current Town Hall to discuss the preliminary plan presented at the Board meeting on March 13. The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 19, and the Justice was unable to attend because he had just returned from Italy the night before. The meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, March 20, and the Justice attended as well as the engineer. The Town Officials/employees who use the building brought up many ideas including adding a utility room with a sink. The plan was revised. This was an attempt to get input from the Town Officials and employees.

Steve Horne-McColloms: Everyone was happy about the letter (March 3, 2003), but the town residents did not understand the Board was moving ahead so quickly. Just because you did not get any input by the March meeting from the residents did not mean the Town approved of the project as presented at the March meeting. The Town Officials and employees are not the only ones who should be giving input on this project. The residents use the building also and should have had the opportunity to give input before the bid went out. The process has been short-circuited; the process needs to get back on track and slowed down. Decisions have been made where there should have been more options. All the ideas of whether to move offices or not should be brought out. The space is not the same at the new building. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the Board has not made any decisions and the process has been on track. A letter to inform the public was approved at this meeting to be sent out. A public hearing has been scheduled for public input on this project.

Pat Willis-Garondah Road: A solution to this could be that we need a new garage and it should be built with the option to add offices, do the study on the Town Hall, and do a needs assessment for office space.

Sonya Franciamone-Wardner Road: Can the current Town Garage be preserved and added on to or repaired? It looks like it has been added on to already. Alicia Bodmer said the insurance survey from last year show so many problems the cost to repair it was more than rebuilding, the cost of heating it alone is large. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the problems with the existing building are so many that rebuilding it is more cost effective.

Gould Hoyt-Keese Mill Road: The time line shows that the building could be started and at least cover the equipment by winter. With all the other things to be considered the time line will run out before winter arrives.

Robert Tebbutt-Tebbutt Road: Not speaking for the board, would like to see the Town agree on building a garage this summer, would like to put together a Citizen's Committee to look into all the issues that concern the residents, would like to take time to look into the utilization of the current Town Hall, would like to see what recommendations Steve has, would like to suggest that we take our time and see what our need for offices are. Does anyone agree with that?

Rouse Fountain-Route 86: Where is the money coming from for this project? Is there a fund set up for it? John Quenell said a Capital Project Fund was set up with a loan from the General Fund of \$20,000. If the

project goes forward, a Bond Anticipation Note will be set up for the initial loan, after several months Serial Installment Bonds will be issued for the total project. Rouse Fountain said he asked because it looks like the Town has already spent up to \$30,000 already on this project. In the letter he received, the loan of \$500,000 for 20 years at a 4.75% interest rate does not come out to \$39,275 but to \$34,593. (After some discussion it was determined the loan was based on 25 years not 20 years). Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the figures are based on bank information. The Town cannot get a mortgage; it can only use bonds to fund projects and to get a 25-year bond the building has to be Class A fireproof. Rouse Fountain had concerns about the building design also.

1. All the doors are located under the roof where snow will block them as it falls off the roof. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said the front space is arranged so the loader can run down the front of the building and remove the snow.
2. Should have a door in the back for an exit when you can't get the equipment out the front door. Don Oliver will keep equipment being currently used in the front of the bays. There is no room to go out the back because of the sand banks.
3. The well is 60' from the building; the septic is in front of the building. How is this going to work for maintaining proper code? John Quenell said the real plans were located at the back of the room and those are the ones that he should refer to concerning the septic and water. (The revised plans that went out to bid are different than the ones previously available.) The septic is behind the building.
4. Will the doors operate on electricity and what happens when the power goes out? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said they would be electric with the option to open manually. Don Oliver said there would be a generator in the new garage.
5. The floor will crack if it is not build right. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said if the expansion joints were over 10 feet apart the floor would crack so this is in the specifications.
6. What type of roof is being put on the garage? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said a rubber roof with the longest commercial guarantee available is in the specifications.

Willie Sheridan-Wardner Road: Who is on the Citizens' Committee that was mentioned? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt asked for volunteers. Willie Sheirdan volunteered to be on the Committee.

Steve Horne-McColloms: His wife, Kenva Moss, wrote a letter dated May 8, 2003 (attached), to the Board addressing the Citizens' Committee and she would like to volunteer for it and so would he.

Tracie Santagate-McColloms: Will the whole building be heated? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said there will 5 heating zones if the offices are added. Tracie Santagate is bothered by the cart being before the horse. Before any funds were spent the community should have been engaged in the process. She finds it disturbing that most of the Board Members are not involved with the process. When she called certain Board Members they could not answer questions about the project. When she talked to residents they could not answer questions either. The letter sent to the residents gives inferences to the building being over-crowded and that the Tax Collector works in the building. It implies the Town Officials are rubbing elbows in the Town Hall; rarely there are two or more Town Officials working in the building at the same time and the Tax Collector work out of her home. Decisions are being made without input; the officials were invited to see a preliminary plan that was already drawn up by the engineer. Therefore money was already allocated. Money (\$950) was spent in February on an assessment of the Alpo building and property that the Board never voted on. A building is being considered with Town offices in it that the board never voted on. The Board is going to approve a plan without making changes and expects me to pay for it without any input. The public has been denied being involved in process. We are moving so fast that not all the board or the public understands what is going on. The town is going to spend more money as opposed to saving more money.

Art Robinson-Split Rock Road: Does not agree with Tracie Santagate, we have hired the board to do a job and they are doing a good one. If we wait for everyone to give opinions the garage will never get built. We have to get it done and we should do it.

Lydia Wright- Keese Mills Road: She asked at the last meeting if the project could be done in two parts and it was shot down. Now you are saying that is what should be done, she feels insulted. She is glad you are now saying it can be done in two parts. When you open it to the community you may learn things from people who have experience. The residents are the ones to pay for this project. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he is glad to hear what the residents feel. He wishes people spoke up before when they received his letter asking for comments. The residents before the board may not represent the opinion of the whole town. That is why there is going to be a Public Hearing and that is why he will send out a letter. He has not heard one person say that they don't want a Town Garage. At the very least build the Town Garage this year. He has heard from the Bond Counsel that the Town can get funding for this project at 5.1% from only one source out of the 6 approached because they know interest rates will go up in the future. The bond will be for 25 years not 20 years. This is a positive thing for the Town and we should take advantage of the low interest rates.

Cory Santagate-McColloms: Thinks that most of the people in the town agree that the Town needs a new Garage. Before a new Town Hall and Offices are built people should be able to give input before anything happens. That is what people are trying to say. The Town Hall is for the town so people should have more input. Money (\$950) was spent on an assessment. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said it is easy to very critical about what was done that makes people unhappy. The Town Board has not made any decisions yet, every meeting is a public meeting and anyone can come to the meetings. The Town Board is listening to what everyone has to say. They have purposely not made any decisions because they feel they do not have enough input from the Town and from the contractors. They had to start with some assumptions to start

somewhere to get prices. The Town may not even be able to afford the garage, if it comes in at 1 million dollars on May 23 we may have to say forget it. We need to move forward on this project and would like to hear constructive ideas for getting this garage built. Let not go backwards anymore, but forward.

Rouse Fountain-Route 86: At this point we can't go back we have gone this far. We have to work and let the public know what is going on; hold the hearing and people can come. Maybe we will decide to only build a garage and keep this building as the Town Hall. Maybe it can be added to and matched to the building. I love this building and don't want to see it changed. It has served this town for a long time (since 1915). Town business comes first and anything else done in this building must remember that. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he has heard everyone likes this building, nothing has been said about eliminating the building. Does the Town want to continue to build the Highway Garage, open the bids and have the public hearing with the idea that we don't build the Town offices, form the Citizens' Committee and have them take a hard look at all the options? If that is what the Town wants to do then the Board will act on that. If anyone wants to be on the Citizens' Committee please sign up after the meeting.

Elaine Sater- Route 86: If the current Town Garage is destroyed and the current plan for the Town Garage without offices is used, then 64 square feet of record's storage space is lost. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he was aware of that and would have to figure out where to get more space.

Rouse Fountain-Route 86: The kitchen area has not been used for years and could be converted to storage space.

Steve Horne-McColloms: If the building was returned to its state from 1915, there could be room made for the officials as well as the files. We need to take a breath and slow down to review the options available. Supervisor Robert Tebbutt talked to the Code Enforcement Officer about renovating the Town Hall. It will need to be brought up to State Code, especially the septic, electric, well and stairs. The building can only be expanded up, the setback stops adding on to the building.

Pat Willis-Garondah Road: We need to have a feasibility study to determine what can be done with the building.

Tracie Santagate-McColloms: Will the Citizens' Committee be open to anyone or just to the people in this room? Can it be opened up to others on an as needed basis through workshops and open meetings? Supervisor Robert Tebbutt said he didn't see why not, he asked for residents to get involved in his letter and hopes everyone will get involved. There is no Committee appointed yet but sign up if you want to be on the Committee.

Council Member John Quenell left the meeting at 9:11 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #47

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY VOUCHERS

Motion made by Steve Tucker to authorize the Supervisor to pay the vouchers as listed on the Abstracts as follows:

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #5 for Voucher #124 through and including #146 for 2003 GENERAL funds in the amount of \$9,945.38 and TRUST & AGENCY Funds for \$723.47

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #5 for Voucher #45 through and including #56 for 2003 HIGHWAY funds in the amount of \$4,197.81

STREET LIGHTING: Abstract #5 for Voucher #5 for 2003 funds in the amount of \$51.81

CAPITAL PROJECT HIGHWAY GARAGE: Abstract #4 for Voucher #5 through and including #6 for \$10,026.69

Second by Linda Dobson, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Quenell)

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Robert Tebbutt	Aye
Council Members: Alicia Bodmer	Aye
Linda Dobson	Aye
John Quenell	Absent
Steve Tucker	Aye

Resolution #47 declared duly adopted.

Motion made by Linda Dobson to Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 9:30 p.m., second by Alicia Bodmer, Aye 4, Absent 1 (Quenell)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine W. Sater
Brighton Town Clerk