

THBC Minutes 9/23/24

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am.

Review and acceptance of 9/16/24 minutes.

If Option A were selected, the board will need to work with someone who has done similar remodeling work in the last three years; has references; and can meet criteria of responsible bidder requirement (would need input from project designer).

The committee had a phone conference call with Joe DeYoung who expressed his liking of the Jewell report. Joe raised concerns with regard to the current state of challenges to “transparency of document exchange” when so much of the town’s business involves material coming to peoples’ homes; storage of material/equipment at individuals’ homes; residents coming to town members’ homes for voting, paying of taxes, etc. These aforementioned activities put the town at risk—liability, safety and confidentiality. No change still comes at a cost; therefore, the importance of educating the board and residents of options to lessen and/or eliminate risks to the township is vital. Joe mentioned, “Planned Unit Development” as a way to use the current recycling site and put a new structure on a less than two full acre parcel. Paul will contact Columbia County to further discuss. In addition, Joe suggested the town have a professional Municipal Consultant as a backup when looking at any possible financial decisions for either improvements or building. Joe thought it would be helpful to have the information regarding Options A-D available for viewing by voters on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. In conclusion, Joe assists the committee with editing, wording of information, professional guidance and support of our efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Submitted by Ellen Richter