

May 29, 2007

**16 TITUS ROAD COMMITTEE
(Old Town Garage Property)**

Present: Nicholas N. Solley, Dick Carey, Linda Frank, Joe Fredlund, Susan Werkhoven.

Call to Order: Nick Solley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Nick Solley opened the meeting, explaining that the purpose of this committee would be to study the property, begin to form long term goals of what can possibly be done with the property keeping in mind Town regulations, FEMA (flood plain) regulations, DEP regulations, townspeople's input. The first step would be to remove the "storage piles" of stone, mulch, fill, etc., grade and seed the property. Monies have been put into the 2007-2008 Town budget for this purpose and to enhance the walking path along the river. The old garage will be taken down next summer. This will give people an opportunity to actually "walk" the area and enjoy it.

The Committee reviewed two maps -a survey with its existing conditions, and a conceptual drawing of what it could be that was prepared by Dirk Sabin and then walked the property.

Discussion included improving the berm, maintaining the access to the river for the Fire Department and possibly allowing access for kayaking and canoeing. Other discussion included the importance of parking for Depot businesses, open space, recreational uses, housing.

The suggestion was made to put an article in the fall edition of the Washington Times and ask the townspeople for their ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. and the committee agreed to meet again in a couple of months.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary