

Houston Barn Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021

Present: Jason L., Don H., Dave F., Lee W., Louise C.

Absent: Celina H.

The meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Louise informed the committee that Peter Holmes has resigned from the committee. He felt he did not have the time to continue with the project.

The committee had the opportunity to look at the spiral bound copy of the final report that was submitted to the Select Board and Budget Committees. Thank you Jason for putting this together. It looks awesome.

The committee recapped the December 6, 2021 Select Board meeting. We were pleased that they voted to recommend the barn stabilization plan estimated at \$875,000 at the March town meeting. After a lengthy discussion they also decided to use \$603,000 of the American Recovery Plan Act funds to offset the cost of the bond. The voters will be asked to appropriate \$272,000 toward the stabilization plan. With the bond rates being low around 2% the tax impact will be approximately \$7.60 for a home valued at \$200,000.

Several committee members were able to attend the Budget committee meeting and was happy to report a favorable reaction of stabilizing the barn. They had several questions and would like more clarification before they meet again decide if they will recommend the warrant. Don was the only committee member who was able to attend the CIP meeting and he provided the committee with a list of questions the CIP committee would like answers to.

Dave met with Jeff D., to address some of the concerns he had after reviewing the estimates on the barn options. Dave highlighted the main concerns and brought to the committee's attention an error that Jeff discovered that over-estimated an item by \$500,000. The committee will follow up with Frank to have him look into the estimated amount and revise the estimate as needed.

The committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr