

MEMORANDUM

To: Selectmen
From: Joe Rose, CEO
Date: October 17, 2017

Building permit fees

Please see the attached schedule of Building Permit fees established by Selectmen in November 2014.

Two cases have arisen in the last month that suggest that additional categories may be appropriate.

- Padebco are constructing a 10,000 sq. ft. unheated metal building for boat storage; the fee for this permit was \$2,500.
- The new owners of the Bergey Farm on the Benner Road intend to erect a 3,648 sq. ft. cold frame for vegetable cultivation; the fee for this is assessed at \$912.

These fees seem to be disproportionate to the economic value of the buildings. It is suggested that Selectmen consider creating two additional categories of structure:

Commercial storage:

- Unheated, uninsulated buildings: \$ 0.15 per square foot

Temporary agricultural:

- Unheated structures without a foundation, used for crop or animal protection, such as cold frames: \$ 0.05 per square foot
(Note that structures under 200 sq. ft. without a foundation, such as garden sheds, do not need permits)