

Selectmen's Meeting – "Pre-Caucus"

January 29, 2014

In Attendance: David Upton, Maury Collins, Susan Hansel, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Well attended – Estimate 60

The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM by Chair David Upton.

David began by explaining that this is not Caucus but just an overview of the Warrant development to date.

David explained that the cost of Diesel and gasoline would now be included for all municipal vehicles and equipment within the Administrative budget. This eliminates an accounting conflict between departments and eliminates the cost of any proposed separate departmental containment units.

David read excerpts from the Structural Engineers report for the Town Hall and went on to read the draft article for the Town Hall, Library, and articles concerning heating and ventilation options.

The audience posed many thoughtful questions and requested a more detailed and informative outline of the projects and what each option could provide as a benefit in areas of savings, convenience, and comfort.

Susan explained that the historic granite capstone will be saved and reset on the stabilized foundation.

Several queried about the cost of the "Deluxe" heating/cooling/ventilation option.

Other questions concerned options for funding, how much to take from Capital Reserve, modifying wording in the Warrant Article, if there would be a floor in the Town Hall basement, what effect movement of the structure will have on the interior finishes of the Town Hall, has funding been allowed for interior repair in the event of damage to the interior, how will the work alter the historic status of the building, how will donations be applied to the cost, are there any grants available for the heating options.

David explained the role of Construction manager for those not involved with or aware of the process and hiring of Ingram Construction.

Moving through the articles, David explained the need for an Emergency Expendable Trust, Maury reviewed the electrical problems at the Safety Building and the need for upgrade in the electrical service.

Bud French spoke to an article to purchase automatic door openers for the Granite Lake Fire Station, A Fire suppression system for the area where fuel is stored for Municipal vehicles, and explained the function of a special heavy duty washing machine for Fire and Rescue garments.

Dennis Dellagreca explained a request to fund a badge identification project for all emergency personnel.

David read and explained an article that would authorize the State of New Hampshire to return easements or rights of way to respective land owners on a small section of road directly in front of property now belonging to Cucchi, Chapel by the Lake and Stefanik in the event that the State decides to discontinue that section of road. David went on to explain that this would not include the Granite Lake Road.

An article was read regarding an assessment exemption for solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or central wood-fired heating energy systems for use at the immediate site. There were several questions regarding exactly what type of equipment would be exempt. This will require further detailed research.

Bud French and Carol Raynor presented a Petition Warrant Article designed to discontinue both appointment by the Governing body and/or election by the Legislative body in the selection of a Fire Chief or the organization of the Fire Department. This article would give full authority of the process to the members of the Fire Department.

The Board unanimously agreed, at their meeting earlier in the day, not to present this article from the Select Board and indicated that this should be considered as a petition article.

Brief discussion followed with varying opinions.

David brought the meeting to a close and made a motion to adjourn.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel