

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 11, 2013

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Bud French

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 2:00 PM.

David gave a general review of the Public Hearing held on Saturday December 7, 2013 by the Town Buildings Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing was to bring the voters up to date on the progress of the Town Hall and Library Basement projects. A lot of information was presented by the architect, electrical engineer and construction manager for the projects.

The Board was pleased with the presentation and the positive feedback from attendees.

Next, Bud French met with the Board to present quotes for Fire Truck equipment and air packs as well as Firefighter gear for the members.

Bud increased the number of sets of gear from 10, as originally requested, to 15 sets so that all Rescue personnel will also have full Firefighter gear. He also informed the Board that the cost of the Air packs and a second bottle for each would be higher than the original request of approximately \$25,000.

He presented the following quotes:

15 sets of Firefighter gear..... \$28,842.86

5 Air Packs with second Bottle..... 36,625.00

Discussion followed regarding this increase. Maury and David voiced some concern that the amount and number of units was greater than had been presented at the Public Hearing or at the Special Town Meeting. There was no disagreement about the importance of protection for the firefighters but Maury suggested that some items be purchased now and that Bud consider a Warrant Article in March for any remaining needs.

After a brief discussion, Maury made a motion that the 15 sets of Firefighter gear be purchased now along with only 3 new Air Packs with a second bottle for each.

David seconded the motion.

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

Bud presented several invoices, proposals, and orders for review

It was suggested and agreed by all that a warrant article will be drafted to purchase additional Air Packs (each with a second bottle) for the next Town Meeting in March.

David made a motion to send Request for Bid packages for the Library project to Keene Commercial, Bergeron Construction, American, Bill Coutts, Ingraham, Marlborough Construction, and Tom Tolman.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

After a review and brief discussion of the Ingraham contract for construction manager, David made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the limit of liability being consistent with Town Policy.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Susan reported that the manifest was complete and moved approval as presented.
David seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

An abatement recommendation from Avitar Associates was presented regarding the Mednick Property (Map 003-025-000). Finding the Board in agreement with the recommendation, David made a motion to approve abatements for 2011, 2012, and 2013. The abatement to be based on an assessment reduction of \$12,300 for each year.
Maury seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed use of the Library basement if the project is approved at Town Meeting.
The Board agreed to discuss this in further detail with the Town Buildings Committee.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need of the Town Clerk to have the Town Hall available on the Monday prior to any election. The Board reaffirmed that no rental reservation may be booked for those Mondays as the set up for the polls is part of the legally required election process. The Board agreed that an addendum to the Town Hall Rental Contract will be added.
There was further discussion of how far in advance a reservation can be made.
All agreed that municipal, school or library functions may be booked as soon as dates are known and multi reservation contracts could book no more than a year in advance and would be subject to any legally required municipal use.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting.
Maury seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

With nothing further Maury made a motion to adjourn.
Susan seconded the motion.
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel