

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 12, 2014

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

Others Attending: Approximately 60 people

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

David welcomed and thanked the audience for attending and went on to introduce guests Jeff Ingram and Adrian Pinney.

Jeff was selected to be construction manager for the Town Hall Project and Adrian was the winning bid for the heating/cooling portion of that project if passed.

Jeff and Adrian fielded several audience questions covering a variety of topics from pros and cons of air pump systems, long term cost savings, and guaranteed maximum price as it relates to the scope of work.

Warren Hammack asked if someone from Town would be involved to oversee the project and wondered what the chain of command would be for receiving and dispensing information on critical decisions.

Warren also voiced concerns over unforeseen conditions and how that would be handled.

As of this date no one person from Town has been chosen to oversee the project and report to the Selectmen but the Town Buildings Committee will plan to discuss that further at their next meeting.

The question was asked, which area of funding will be reduced if donations come in for the projects. David answered that the amount of borrowing would be reduced.

There was concern expressed over depleting the Town Buildings Capital Reserve account.

There were several questions regarding the life expectancy of the heating and cooling units, the maintenance costs as well as cost comparison between LP, Oil, and heat pump.

Edith Notman suggested that while variables in future cost of fuel and electric should be considered, the voters should also consider the value of comfort and ease of use.

Questions arose regarding the gas and diesel accounts being placed in the general operating budget.

David explained, for quite some time there has been disagreement among the departments over fuel allocation and accountability. At a recent Selectmen's meeting all departments came together with the Selectmen in agreement to move these necessary supplies to the general budget.

Bud French told the audience how happy everyone was at that meeting. All departments were in agreement, the Selectmen were in agreement. Bud went on to express the excitement of that evening as finally everyone came together.

This resulted in cost savings as additional tanks would not be needed to separate the fuel for each department.

All agreed that since these are all essential municipal services, whose needs for fuel consumption are often dictated by Mother Nature and emergency situations, it was viewed as a municipal responsibility.

The meeting continued with the reading of each article followed by brief discussion.

In conclusion, David thanked everyone for attending and encouraged all to attend Town Meeting in March.

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 P.M.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel