

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 23, 2014

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

Others Attending: Russ Thomas, Barbara Roland, Tony Poanessa, Bud French, Jason Walter, Dean Huber, Maureen Lord, Barbara Fraser, Owen Iselin

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 3:00 PM.

Russ Thomas came before the Board with a progress report of the Town Hall and Library Lower Level projects.

Russ asked the Board what should be done with the Granite and cobblestones that will be removed during construction. The Board agreed that both should be kept and an appropriate future use will be planned for these materials.

There was also discussion of how to use or dispose of the rubble stone from under the Town Hall. No decision was made and the Board agreed to explore the options.

Russ reported that there was an increase in the costs of insurance covering the Town Hall project.

Russ also reported that work will begin on the Town Hall on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and that the dumpster used for the Library project will have to be moved to provide access to the rear of the Town Hall.

There was a brief discussion regarding the relocation of the Lilacs from the front of the Town Hall. After considering options, David made a motion to move the lilacs to a location along the sidewalk at the Old Brick Schoolhouse.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Other items discussed with Russ include contacting "Dig Safe" before any digging begins, removal of the Flag Pole to be painted before it is reattached to the Town Hall, Jeff Ingram to meet with the contractor (Fred) who will be repairing the windows.

John Shea arrived with Loan paperwork from Walpole Savings Bank for the Town Hall and Library building projects.

As paperwork was circulated David made a motion to approve the Borrowing with terms of \$75,900 from The Walpole Savings Bank for the Town Hall building project as approved in article #3 of the 2014 Town Warrant.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

David then made a motion to approve the Borrowing with terms of \$55,300 from The Walpole Savings Bank for the Library Lower Level building project as approved in article #4 of the 2014 Town Warrant.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

Next, Tony Poanessa came before the Board, representing Alexander Guida, with a Building Permit application. After a full review of the project, David made a motion to approve the Building Permit as presented.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

A proposal submitted by BK Systems for extending the existing alarm system at the Library to include the Library Basement was discussed. The total cost of \$3650 is within the allowance projected for the project. David made a motion to approve the bid and to inform BK Systems. Susan seconded the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the assessor regarding a tax abatement settlement with John and Anne Cucchi for 2011, 2012, 2013.

David made a motion to approve the abatement settlement for 2011, 2012, 2013.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

Susan made a motion to send a letter to the Trustees of Trust Funds with instructions to close the Henry Melville Library Fund and direct the funds to be used toward the Library Lower Level building project as requested by a vote of the Library Trustees.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

After a full review of the manifest, Susan reported that it was complete and moved approval as presented.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Maury made a motion to send a Thank you to Bert Wingerson, Bud French, and Margaret Schillemat for their service on the Conservation Commission.

David seconded the motion.

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

Susan made a motion to send a Thank you to the Future Farmers of America at Keene High School for their contribution of flowers for the Memorial Day Celebration.

David seconded the motion.

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

Edie reported that another \$9000.00 has been received in donations for the Town Hall and Library Building projects.

Maury made a motion to accept the donations for the designated purpose of the Town Hall and Library Building projects.

David seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to approve letters to the Trustees of Trust Funds requesting withdrawal of funds from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund for the Town Hall and Library projects as approved in articles #3 and #4 of the 2014 Town Warrant. The total withdrawal for these approved articles is \$230,000.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting of the Selectmen.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

Susan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014 Non-Public meeting of the Selectmen.

David seconded the motion.

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

A question arose during construction regarding the contents of a "mystery" box in the Library basement. Dean Huber was in the audience and explained that it was part of the original alarm system installed at the Library.

Discussion briefly opened regarding the electrical upgrade at the Safety Building. Dean Huber would like the opportunity to discuss the possibility of having two 200 amp services brought into the building instead of the one 400 amp.

This was tabled for possible further discussion.

Bud French and Jason Walter reviewed the recent inspection and service to the Fire Trucks and presented a findings report from the service contractor.

The report indicated that the 1986 Truck has repair needs that are extensive and costly so replacement should be considered. (This is a tanker and a pump)

The 2001 International passed the State Motor vehicle inspection but the pump needs to be rebuilt at a possible cost between \$11,200 and \$13,620.

The newest truck (from Keene) has some repairs that are routine maintenance and service needs.

Many issues were discussed regarding this report including liability, costs, budgeting.

The Fire Department will review their budget to try to come up with the funds for the repairs.

They will review all options and decide whether to take the pumper out of service completely or place the unit on limited service.

Bud left a cover letter as well as the recommendation from the Service contractor for inclusion with these minutes.

Bud also reported that there will be a practice burn at the French's on Saturday April 26, 2014. He further reported that the Fire Department will be putting on a Town wide AED training on May 14, 2014. This may be held at the Nelson School but plans have not been completed at this time. The training will last about 2 hours and be held between 6 and 8 PM.

Bud presented a Purchase Request of \$250.00 for this training and \$50.00 for refreshments.

David made a motion to approve the Purchase Request as presented.

Maury seconded the motion.

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

With nothing further, David made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel

See Attachments