

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 30, 2012

Executive Board Attending: Warren Hammack, Maury Collins, David Upton, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending Dennis Dellagrecia, Mike Blaudschun, Kathy Blaudschun, Mike Tarr, Rick Lothrop, Richie Pratt, Tom Buttrick, Brian Lord

At 7:04 a motion to open the meeting was made by Maury, seconded by David and carried by unanimous vote.

Warren asked if anything had changed as far as the need to find funds to cover payroll and the renovation project.

Edie reported that the DRA has been researching this because the Dept. of Labor regulations are affecting other Towns as well. Some towns have emergency funds set aside or the Selectmen are agents of certain capital reserve funds with authority to spend if necessary. Nelson does not have emergency funds in reserve and the Selectmen are not agents of the Capital Reserve Funds.

Jamie Dow of the DRA reported that since there is a Building Capital Reserve fund already in Existence which is holding money that was raised and appropriated then a Special town meeting could be held to ask the voters to authorize the Selectmen to become agents for the fund. This would allow them to cover the cost of the Health and Safety renovations on the Old Brick Schoolhouse. With that covered the budget then appears to be sound as is.

No money would be raised at the meeting. The money was already raised and appropriated to the Town Buildings therefore the process would be a simple posting procedure.

The DRA suggests this is the only special fund to consider using to cover the project as it is already specifically for the Buildings.

Jamie also noted that the DRA does not have a clearly defined location and use of the Geddes money and the Town needs to clear that up with them.

David said this sounds like a solution that would take care of the problem with no need to look further at the other department budgets.

Rick Lothrop stated he does not believe the other budgets could be touched anyway.

Kathy Blaudschun also stated the opinion that the department's budgets are separate warrant articles and cannot be touched or used in other areas.

Rick requested the RSA be presented regarding this process. There was back and forth discussion with no agreement of the proper way to proceed with budget shortfall. More detailed information will be requested of the DRA.

Tom Buttrick has submitted a proposal to post a Police Officer at the Town office just during regular business hours and not move forward at this time with the Health and Safety renovation. He suggests that it be considered as part of the future, larger renovation projects.

David asked Richie Pratt to project the cost of a Police Detail for 9 hours a week.

Richie projected between \$6000-\$14,000 thru December 2012.

Tom Buttrick encouraged this approach.

Discussion continued with many offering pros and cons to this suggestion.

Warren stated that Rick Monahan was specifically instructed to consider this renovation as part of the overall plan so that it would not have to be redone when the larger projects are undertaken. Warren considered the amount projected for Police as an alternative to the renovation would be a waste of money as the project still needs to be done.

Warren reported that Rick Monahan needs to meet with the Board again and has requested this

Wednesday at 6:00 PM. The Board agreed and Edie indicated she would post the meeting this evening before going home.

Open discussion continued with no firm resolve. Further information will be gathered to address all questions regarding the Dept. of Labor extension as well as the Budget questions for later presentation.

David mentioned the school as a possible solution to the office move. This brought questions from Kathy Blaudschun. Maury then reported on his progress in the search for an alternate location.

Maury also voiced concern that time and patience would run out with the Dept. of Labor. Dennis warned that deadlines continue to approach and suggested moving forward with the Special Meeting to be prepared for any final choice.

Warren supports going forward with the Town Meeting and suggests doing a wide spread notification in addition to the postings.

Warren will contact Inspector DiGangi tomorrow. He also reminded Edie that the Lab 600 needs to be sent in. Edie reported that Bob Jones has the original and will drop it off.

Warren said if all of Rick Monahan's questions can be answered then it can go out to bid very soon. Rick still hopes to begin work in June.

David suggested that once the bids are in then a complete cost of the package should be put together. At that point check the budget to see what can be done.

Mike Blaudschun then asked if they have to spend the money if it is allowed. Edie said they do not have to spend the money if it is not needed.

Mike Blaudschun suggested moving ahead with the Special Town Meeting to be prepared if the money is needed. Doing that will save time once the final costs come in.

Mike also suggested doing a Town mailing by postcard to notify all residents of the meeting. This would be in addition to the newspaper and local postings. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

The audience was thanked by the Board for coming in.

David moved to adjourn the meeting. Maury offered a second and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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Warren Hammack, Chair

Maury Collins

David Upton