

Public Hearing

May 24, 2012

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

At 7:10 PM Warren Hammack opened the meeting by reading the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 as well as the Public Hearing Notice.

TOWN WARRANT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO THE INHABITANTS of the Town of Nelson, in the County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet in the Town Hall in said Nelson on Saturday, the 2nd day of June, 2012 at 10:00 AM to act upon the following article:

ARTICLES OF A GENERAL NATURE

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to become agents for the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund and as such allow them to make withdrawals from the Fund. It further stipulated that any funds withdrawn by the Selectmen be used only for purposes including renovations, preservation, and repair of The Town's Buildings and for no other purpose. The need for any withdrawal must be posted by the agents prior to their regular meeting of the Select Board and a roll call vote of the majority of the Board will be required to authorize the withdrawal.

NOTICE OF HEARING PRIOR TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TO THE INHABITANTS of the Town of Nelson, in the County of Cheshire, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet in the Town Hall in said Nelson on Thursday, the 24th day of May, 2012 at 7:00 PM to discuss the following article to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting on June 2, 2012:

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To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to become agents for the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund and as such allow them to make withdrawals from the Fund. It further stipulated that any funds withdrawn by the Selectmen be used only for purposes including renovations, preservation, and repair of The Town's Buildings and for no other purpose. The need for any withdrawal must be posted by the agents prior to their regular meeting of the Select Board and a roll call vote of the majority of the Board will be required to authorize the withdrawal.

Warren presented background information about the NH Dept. of Labor inspection, the violation List, their follow up and the extension they have granted until Sept. 30, 2012 to complete the Health and Safety renovations.

Warren praised the Fire Department and the Highway Department for moving quickly and professionally to address all violations found in the Safety Building.

Warren indicated that the NH Dept. of Labor has become concerned due to the increase in incidents of violence in office workplaces.

Warren also explained the liability issues if the Town ignored the problems noted by the Dept. of Labor. There would likely be substantial fines as well for the Town if compliance does not occur.

Warren went on to explain that during this inspection stage the Town Buildings Committee was beginning to look at all the buildings. This was helpful because Rick Monahan was already familiar with the building's issues and could tie the Safety renovation into any future work that may be done through a larger project.

Warren reported that the re-inspection went well and plans for renovation of the office work space were well received by the inspector. The extension was then granted.

With multiple plans considered the costs all seemed to be beyond the current Budget.

Rick Church explained the different types of Trust Funds and how they function.

Next David Upton took over and reviewed the various budget issues. He then presented and new plan option which would be less expensive and less disruptive.

In response to a question from the floor regarding use of the Town Hall, Maury Collins reviewed all the moving options.

Kathy Blaudschun wants to have an estimate of the cost to move verses going to the Town Hall.

Edith Notman reviewed again all the options and how it was narrow down.

Bud French also requested an exact accounting of the cost of moving to Harrisville. This opened up further discussion of the cost analysis.

Ron Ferguson finally asked people to trust the Board, which they had voted for, to take care of these issues.

David Drasba, Architect then presented a review of the renovation options. There was discussion of how the plans will be incorporated with the long range plans for the Old Brick Schoolhouse.

Discussion continued for a time and as this hearing was informational and advisory only no voting took place.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM and many lingered in groups for further informal discussion.

May 24, 2012

Warren Hammack, Chair

Maury Collins

David Upton