

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Attending: Michael Blaudschun, Chair; Margaret Schillemat and Warren Hammack.

Michael opened the Caucus meeting at 7:00pm.

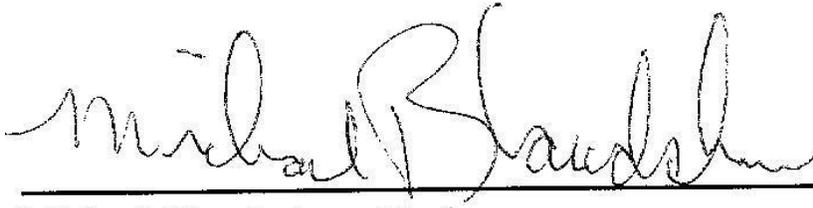
- 1) The first order of business was an announcement of the filing period of January 19 to 28, 2011 for the town officers positions open for this year.
- 2) The Town Budget ARTICLE 3-was gone over line by line and set the total for the 2011 year at a total of \$281,950.
- 3) The Social Service warrant article #5 was the same as last years' \$3,478.
- 4) Article #2 is for a \$750,000 for the Renovation Project for the Town Buildings. Jack Bradshaw made a presentation of the renovations for the Town Hall and the Old Brick School House. Also maybe the room under the Library could be finished and made usable. The room under the Town Hall even though it would be only approximately 6 feet high because of the water level being too high. Under the town hall it is critical to have piers and to have the floor replaced. Structural components need to be replaced. You would have to put a membrane over the earth and put crushed rocks over the membrane to maintain the structure. The property line out back of the Old Brick School House, after having a survey done, shows that there are about forty feet out back of the school house building. Putting the addition on the OBS building and extend it out back would increase the usable space by about 1000 feet per each floor. Upstairs has a big arch ceiling that could be opened up and make a good usable space for rooms. Putting in an elevator and 4 bathrooms and allowing a budget for interior petitions for some needed space. The back wall of the OBS appears to be not brick as everyone thought but a framed back wall that will be much easier and cheaper to work with in doing the renovation process. There would be more parking on site. Now Executive sessions are held in the old kitchen where there is storage. We need to create some space where the selectmen can have some much needed privacy and meeting room. The furnace is under the floor in a hole that is reached by a ladder that goes down by about 4' high. Service to the furnace is a nightmare. Right now the furnace is broken. We would like to borrow the money for the renovation because right now it's very cheap to borrow. We would like to get a better climate controlled room for the Archives. The addition would be 35' x 38' approximately. The OBS is around 175 years old and on the Historic Register. There was a question about the elevator in the building being in the front of the OBS. This could possibly have an impact on the historical building. Because the elevator will be in the old bell tower area it will not change the the outside of the building at all. From the front view it will look as it always should to keep the historical value of the building. By adding the addition on the back of the building the historical part of the building will not be compromised. Another question was the Town Hall capacity. Could there be 20 to 30 more people in the Town Hall? Also, the new room on the second floor of the OBS with a capacity of 40 people would be a good meeting room. If you go geo-thermal it would be for both buildings and we'll continue to look at energy conservation. Looking at only one building for renovation because of the economics of doing it that way would cost the town a lot more in the end. There are a number of projects that need to be done, such as the Library room could be finished along with this project. There are

some PSNH grants out there if someone could get them. What would happen to the town hall if this doesn't go through? Jack spoke about the Renovation Committee and what a pleasure it was working with them on this project. The Committee consisted of Jack Bradshaw, Chair; Lisa Sieverts, Warren Hammack, Tom Buttrick, and Bud French.

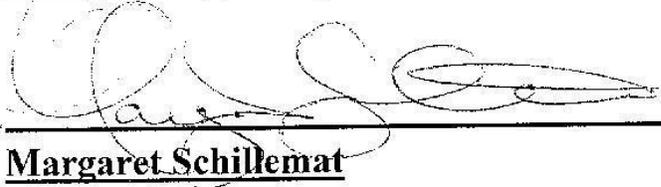
- 5) The Library article was gone over and there were no questions about the amount needed.
- 6) \$50,000 from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Funds to assist the Renovation Project.
- 7) \$10,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the Town Buildings. Would pass over this article if the Article 2 and article 6 pass.
- 8) To appropriate \$37,434 for the cost of a town revamp.
- 9) The Cemetery article for \$8750 for 2 pillars and a cement footing and also, for 2 small pillars to be rebuilt.
- 10) \$3,000 for the Milfoil Prevention.
- 11) Hazardous Waste Collections \$685.
- 12) Nelson's portion for a four town cooperation project.
- 13) Disabled Veterans tax credit from \$700 to \$1000. This applies to only three people in town.
- 14) Ambulance Service subsidy for \$ 10,428.29.
- 15) Fire Department budget for \$15,000.
- 16) \$500 for the purpose of fighting Forest fires.
- 17) \$25,000 for the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- 18) \$175,000 for the purchase of a new Rescue truck and for the selectmen to withdraw the accumulated principle and interest from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- 19) \$500 for the proper expenses for Emergence Management.
- 20) Police Department budget for \$37,000.
- 21) Patrols performed by the Nelson Police Department \$4000.
- 22) The sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Equipment Capital reserve Fund.
- 23) The Highway Department Budget \$219,000.
- 24) To purchase a new highway vehicle the sum of \$115,000 with \$50,000 coming from the Road Equipment Capital reserve Fund.
- 25) The sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Road Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- 26) Tax Mapping Program for \$30,000 to be spent over a three year period.
- 27) Southwest Region Planning Commission dues \$731.00.
- 28) To amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding Article 11:3 Workforce Housing.
- 29) To establish an Agricultural Commission.
- 30) To raise the sum of \$500 for the proper expense of the Agricultural Commission.
- 31) A petitioned article on town buildings or land .

The meeting adjourned by Michael Blaudschun. Seconded by Warren Hammack and unanimously carried at 9:35pm.

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Michael Blaudschun, Chairperson



Margaret Schillemat



Warren Hammack