

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, January 14, 2013 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Pratt, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil

Chairman Clark opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Clark opened the second public hearing on the Proposed Bond for Renovation and Reconstruction of the Old Town Office at 6:35 p.m. Charter Weeks noted that the Advocates for a Better Barrington (ABB) agree with the need for a new building but have not taken a position yet. Peter Royce asked why the decision didn't include the library with the town office, and answered that the Building Committee was hoping that the town office plan would move forward now and the library would have a good opportunity on its own.

Denise Hart asked if there had been an asbestos study done at the old town office building. Yes, a study was done. Charter Weeks asked the building committee to reconsider putting on a pitched roof on the building. Denise Hart was involved in developing the town center plan, and is disappointed in not having a "community center" including a town office and library. It was noted that the town office was never part of the town center plan as drafted several years ago. She would like to see something for the community that could be used on weekends and nights when the town office is not used. Selectman Gaudiello asked if the articles pass in March, when could the town move in. Selectman Pratt responded that the building could be ready by the end of 2013. The building committee would like to start the RFQ as soon as possible. Selectman Pratt noted that renovation of the town office had the lowest cost option. The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the second public hearing on the Proposed 2013 Budget and Warrant Articles at 6:47 p.m. He asked for comments. Denise Hart asked what percentage town employees pay for their health insurance - 15% percent paid by the employee. ABC member, Doug Langdon noted that the town's share is the same or lower than many other towns, which is why the ABC didn't recommend a change. The public hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Building Committee – Selectman Pratt represented the building committee. The building committee met last week and they would like to stay involved as the process moves forward. The Committee also recommended a delivery method for the project similar to the way the school was done. They would like to be involved in selecting the architect and the construction management team. The Committee will draft the RFQ that will be reviewed by Administrator Scruton. Tom Abbott felt that he could stay on the Committee but not be part of selection team. Administrator Scruton suggested five

or six members for the committee. The Building Committee will oversee the project. Selectman Hatch moved to support the Building Committee in drafting the RFQ, selecting the architect and the construction management team, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairman Clark thanked the Building Committee for all of the hours they put in on this project.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 7, 2013 – Selectman Malloy moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Selectman Pratt abstained for the vote as he was not present at that meeting. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Langdon spoke on behalf of the ABC. Several of them sit on both the school and town ABC. The two big expenditures are an RFQ for high school services and the renovation of old town office. The tax rate will be going up and the ABC would like to take care of the taxpayer. They try to balance the needs, desires and the wants for both school and town. They tried to provide some thoughts and guidance and get the operating budget down so there isn't money left over at the end of the year. Bob Ditursi noted that they tried to make sure that each department could run functionally. A lot of thought was given to the warrant articles and budget lines whether to recommend the article or not.

STAFF REPORT

1. Administrator Scruton noted that votes from both the Board and the ABC need to be made and noted on the warrant articles. The Warrant needs to be signed at a Selectmen's meeting. If there are changes made to the zoning articles that affect numbering, another meeting will need to be held for the Selectmen to sign the Warrant. The following is the ABC's vote on what they supported and what they didn't: the renovation of the town office – two no's and two abstentions, library technology – two no's, one yes and one abstention, compactor capital reserve – four no's, library replacement capital reserve – two no's, one yes and one abstention. The rest of the articles were 4 – 0 in favor. Selectman Pratt moved to support warrant articles 14 – 25 except for 15 (the operating budget), seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Selectman Gaudiello supported the capital reserve requests as these are four large expenditures and supporting a capital reserve spreads out the money that is requested. The ABC felt the trash compactors are fairly new and there is a maintenance line included in the budget. Peter Cook stated that it covers the compactors and the baler which is over ten years old. "If the baler breaks down they would have to close down the recycling center." Peter Royce stated that the baler is older than 10 years. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Pratt moved to support article 15, the operating budget seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Malloy – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – nay, Pratt – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve

and sign the Default Budget, the Warrant and the MS-6, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

2. Chairman Clark will be signing the approved subdivision of the Clark-Goodwill property. Bonding will be in place and the attorney will drawing up deeds for the three lots. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the bonding in the amount of approximately \$501,000 and to authorize Chairman Clark to accept the bond seconded by Selectman Pratt. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. If a Selectmen's meeting is necessary for January 21st, it will be held at the public safety building.
4. The Planning Board would like an alternate for Dawn Hatch as she is abstaining on the gravel pit project. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Chairman Clark as an alternate until town meeting, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. The town has made a donation in memory of Ronald & Elizabeth Seaver to CASA.
6. A public meeting will be scheduled by the EPA to discuss the pollution in the area of Cedar Creek as part of the five year review.
7. Revenue for 2012 was in excess of anticipated by \$228,196. The tax rate impact of the proposed operating budget is 18 cents per thousand.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on vendor manifest dated 1/10 and payroll manifest dated 1/6.
2. Clerk McNeil noted a letter received from the New Hampshire Big Tree Program congratulating the town on being the steward of the Strafford County champion Black Tupelo at the SATWaSR Conservation land and the Bigtooth Aspen on the Goodwill Conservation Land.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

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Selectman Hatch stated that there were approximately 100 people present at the hearing for the gravel pit off of Green Hill Road. The Planning Board approved a 7,200 square foot refrigeration/freezer at Associated Buyers. The second public hearing on the zoning changes is January 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.