

**Selectmen's Minutes
Library – 245 Western Avenue**

January 29, 2016

Present: Chairman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman David A. Doane, and Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki.

Also Present: No-one.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the temporary quarters of the Town Hall Library on Western Avenue and announced that the Board would hear Public Comment. No one was present to offer any comment.

In other business, those present discussed potential costs to be considered for the Town Hall/Library Renovation Project at upcoming Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Mr. Zubricki explained that the Town has an adequate appropriation to execute a construction contract for the base bid from the low bidder (Campbell Construction, LLC). The question before the Special Town Meeting on February 1 will be related to whether the Town is interested in funding approximately \$40,000 in costs that could not be known at the time of the original cost estimate and approximately \$330,000 in optional bid alternates. He stated that electing the first bid alternate (replacement of all shingle siding – as opposed to only the most weathered siding) will cost around \$200,000. The remaining eight bid alternates will cost a total of approximately \$165,000. So, if the Town is to fund even the first alternate, it would not make good financial sense to not fund the remaining items. The Town could choose to wait on funding the various alternates to some future date. However, given the fact that the building will already be staged and the contractor will already be mobilized, with actual bid pricing in the Town's hands, coupled with factors like inflation and economy of scale, holding the alternates off for some future time will likely at least double the cost. The Board agreed that it would be in the best interests of the Town to recommend funding the entire \$368,000 in additional costs and will confer with the Finance Committee just prior to the Special Town Meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Documents used during this meeting include the following: None.

Prepared by: _____
Brendhan Zubricki

Attested by: _____
David A. Doane