

Selectmen's Minutes
Senior Center

April 30, 2012

Present: Chairman Jeffrey D. Jones, Selectman Lisa J. O'Donnell, and Selectman Susan Gould-Coviello.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Senior Center on Pickering Street and announced that the Board would hear Public Comment. No one from the public was present to offer comment.

In other business, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the weekly warrant in the amount of \$711,373.49.

The Selectmen discussed at length various Articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

Chairman Jones will discuss with Mr. Zubricki various elements that should be included on the Finance Committee's Conomo Point handout for Town Meeting.

It was noted that one proposal had been submitted for alternative space to be used for Town Hall Offices. The Selectmen, after review of the proposal, agreed to rank the proposal overall as "highly advantageous". The cost proposal part of the submitted proposal was then opened and it was announced that the asking price for the Lahey Building would be \$599,999.00. Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to authorize the Chairman and the Town Administrator to begin negotiations regarding the price of the building with Shalom Realty Trust, the representative for the seller of the building.

The Board agreed that the motion and handouts regarding the articles for the purchase and renovation of new space for Town offices and the completion of basic repairs to Town Hall should reflect the amounts of \$1,100,000 and \$600,000, respectively. The \$1,100,000 figure is a function of the Lahey cost proposal and the \$600,000 figure is a function of estimated needs over a five-year period.

The Selectmen were reminded that the next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge at the Essex Elementary School, followed by the first night of the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa J. O'Donnell

Attested by: _____
Susan Gould-Coviello