

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 27, 1999

PRESENT:

Lois Briere - Selectman
Gordon Carlstrom - Selectman
Burton Reynolds - Town Administrator

ABSENT:

Susan Clay - Selectman illness

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05PM by Gordon Carlstrom.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

APPOINTMENTS

Don Chapman and Tim Cady from the library discussed issues relating to the negotiations for the "Whipple Barn" property and buildings. This site is being considered as a new location for the library. Now that the negotiations are close to closure, the Selectmen will become involved to hopefully structure a proposal for presentation to the Town in March. The tentative purchase and sales agreement was shared with the Board. It was agreed a meeting with the sellers, the Daniels, should be arranged the first part of January. Major issues to be resolved: purchase price and what land will be a part of the deal. An appraisal by a commercial property specialist is underway. As of now, a warrant article in the \$290K range is contemplated broken down as follows: land and building \$250K, \$1,000/mo. to hold the property, \$15K architectural design, 2.5K for environmental assessment, 9K for survey work, and misc. expenses related to the closing. A structural evaluation for the main barn has been done but no one was sure if a report was issued.

MINUTES

Minutes of 12/13/99 and 12/20/99 were approved with minor modifications.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Planning Issues topic was focused on the CIP. The current CIP specifics reflect some differences of opinion about how the CIP is to be developed and to what extent the CIP committee need concern itself with the financial effects of the plan. It was agreed that a CIP report which reflects the financial realities is a more helpful document to both the public and the other town governmental units. Some effort will be made to have these concerns addressed before the CIP is formalized.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Board spent about an hour going over the operating budgets they directly control in preparation for the Thursday meeting with Finance.
- 2) The Fire Wards are ready to forward a name to the Board as a replacement for Jim Dodge who resigned in October. The Board suggested Burton go over the process with Dan MacDonald and then the new candidate could be scheduled for one of the January meetings.
- 3) A letter alleging Peter Hogan is operating a vehicle repair business despite the ZBA ruling against the business has been received by Building Inspector Dennis Sarrette from Jed Callen who represents the neighbors. Dennis has made some spot inspections and not found any operation, but he will write asking for evidence. It was also noted that the ZBA denied Mr. Hogan's request for a rehearing.
- 4) The Town has received a notice from the Census. They are offering \$11.50/hr. to anyone who wishes to assist in the Census 2000 process.
- 5) The State Women's prison has sent a letter asking if there would be any interest should they offer a service for archiving records. The Board thought we might.
- 6) Holden Engineering sent a letter making final the awarding of the bid for Lyndeborough Road bridge to Frank Whitcomb for about \$227K. The paperwork now goes to the State DOT for review as they pay 80% of the cost. Once they approve, a letter will go to Whitcomb.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

A motion to adjourn was made by Gordon Carlstrom at 10 PM with a 2nd by Lois Briere.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator