



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

WORKSHOP – APRIL 3, 2014 – 5:30 PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL, 231 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Purpose: The purpose of the Workshop is to review with North Hampton stakeholders the effort on Article 7 regarding the proposed Town Campus for the purpose of determining next steps in the effort to address facilities issues.

1. Call to Order by the Chair, Mr. Maggiore.

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Those in attendance were: Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton, Chief Page, Deputy Chief Maddocks, Town Administrator Apple, Chief Cote, Ron Lamarre, Cynthia Swank, Susan Grant, Kelly Parrott John Kollmorgen and Susan Leonardi.

2. First Public Comment Session

No comments

3. Discussion with Library Trustees, Heritage Representative, Architect, and Department Heads

Kelly Parrott, Library Trustee explained the feedback survey the library had sent out regarding Article 7.

Mrs. Parrott stated some of the reasons given for voting no on Article 7 were that people felt there was not enough transparency in the process, not enough time, trust issues with the Select Board and the town charrette, people felt that all options were not exhausted, too little input from residents or the tax impact was too large.

Mrs. Parrott stated there were many positive comments about the community meetings and the overall plan. She further stated the focus of the meeting should be on what wasn't done well enough or what caused the public to doubt the viability of the plan.

Selectman Stanton suggested a deadline for the survey at the end of April in order to get moving on the renovations that need to be done.

Chair Maggiore stated something will have to be done in accordance with the Department of Labor's inspection on town buildings.

Mrs. Parrott stated one of the library's biggest challenges was working with such a "short runway" last year, and the sooner everyone is on board on what the plan is going to be, the better.

Town Administrator Apple asked if the focus should be on the renovation piece of the municipal complex, rather than tackling the whole question focus the attention on the basic misunderstanding on the finances and could it be done less expensively.

Discussion ensued with Ron Lamarre regarding a renovation and logistics plan. He further stated it was important to decide when the cost information will be needed as this will take time to pull all of the pieces together. Mr. Lamarre hoped to have information by the end of May.

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Selectman Stanton asked whether or not the Police Department could stay in their building while it is being renovated.

Mr. Lamarre stated it could be done in phases, but it would obviously be much more difficult in terms of the dispatch and communications piece.

Mr. Lamarre stated the cost per square foot to renovate a fire and police safety complex, is much different than the cost per square foot for a library and town offices.

Mr. Lamarre stated the importance of having a construction manager involved at the beginning of this process to put together costs as the process is happening.

Chair Maggiore stated during the month of April a decision has to be made as far as a construction manager is concerned, and a deadline of May 15 for the architect plan.

Selectman Miller stated the Select Board has already vetted six construction managers, so perhaps they could go to the next one.

Selectman Stanton stated it is important to let residents know about the opportunity to speak at the Select Board meetings at the beginning and at the end.

4. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs which circumstances may require.

5. Second Public Comment Session

Phil Wilson stated his concern is now that it is clear that if some major work is done to any of the town buildings and don't have to bring any of them into ADA compliance it opens up another possibility of not doing the whole project at once. He further stated the town should consider banking money for a period of years and plan to complete the projects over five years instead of doing it all in one "chunk."

See Item 2, above.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella
Administrative Assistant

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