

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Capital Budget Committee

Kenneth Glowacki, Chairman

Robert Varney, Secretary

Frank Aniello

Jonathan Calianos

Thomas Davidson

Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2012

Location: Police Station-Lower Conference Room

Present: Frank Aniello, Jonathan Calianos, Ken Glowacki, Bob Varney

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Other Attendees: Town Hall Renovation Committee Members, Kelly McElreath, Michelle Goodwin, Michael Howell, and Tim Tobin, Town Manager Blythe Robinson, Barbara Burke Historical Committee, Joan Shanahan Finance Committee, and Michael Goodwin resident

Motion was made by Frank Aniello and seconded by Bob Varney to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2012. Minutes accepted by a vote of 3-0 with one abstention.

Chairman Glowacki led the discussion of Article 21 of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting regarding the expenditure of \$398,000 for the purpose of Design and Development costs for the Renovation of the Town Hall. The members of the Renovation Committee and the Town Manager participated in the discussion and provided information such as the cost of parking would be \$185,000. A lengthy discussion regarding the alternative of developing a new Town Offices building took place with the Renovation Committee members disagreeing that this is a viable alternative because it doesn't satisfy the renovation of the Town Hall and the ADA requirements. And that the cost of a new Town Hall would be similar to the cost of Renovating the existing Town Hall. The CBC members pointed out that the square foot requirements of a new Town Hall are flawed in that the total square feet required would be much less based on the Renovation Committee's own survey. Also, that the cost per square foot that they are using is based on the renovation cost and not the cost to build a new building. After much back and forth discussion the CBC then acted on the motion by Bob Varney and seconded by Frank Aniello to make an unfavorable recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting on Article 21. The motion based by unanimous vote of those present. At this point the Town Hall Renovation committee left the meeting.

The CBC next discussed Article 10 of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting regarding the expenditure of \$3,397,000 for the final phase on developing a third water source. This also will require a proposition 2.5 vote and require a ballot vote on June 12. The Town Manager presented the arguments for going forward with the article. A motion was made by Bob Varney and seconded by Frank Aniello to recommend to the Annual Town Meeting favorable action. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

The CBC next discussed Article 35 of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting regarding the expenditure of \$70,000 to complete the design phase for the replacement of the water main on Hartford Avenue North. Since the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$800,000 the CBC deliberated the Article. A motion was made by Jonathan Calianos and seconded by Frank Aniello to recommend favorable action to the Annual Town Meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

Chairman Glowacki presented a set of financial charts regarding the Capital Budget and discussed is Town Meeting presentation.

Jonathan Calianos moved and Frank Aniello seconded a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Varney
Secretary to the Committee