

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Capital Budget Committee

Kenneth Glowacki, Chairman

Robert Varney, Secretary

Frank Aniello

Jonathan Calianos

Thomas Davidson

Dave O'Brien

Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2013

Location: Fire Station EOC Room

Present: Frank Aniello, Jonathan Calianos, Thomas Davidson, Dave O'Brien, Ken Glowacki, Bob Varney

Also attending; Selectman Ken Picard, Selectman Jim Brochu, Town Manager Blythe Robinson, Police Chief Michael Bradley, Finance Committee Chair Joan Shanahan, CPC Chair Rene Richards, Town Hall Renovation Committee Chair Kelley McElreath and four Committee Members, and Consultants Steve Kirby of Vertex and Wendell Kalsow and Doug Manley of MK & Assoc.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2013 Meeting. The minutes were accepted by a majority with one abstention.

Police Chief Michael Bradley presented the plans for the renovation of the exterior of the Police Station. The bids came in at \$270,000 vs. the estimate of \$160,000 previously discussed with the CBC. Chief Bradley has amended the scope of the work in order to reduce cost. Town Manager Blythe Robinson then explained that the Selectman's recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting will be for \$235,000 and that it will be funded from Free Cash and by reducing the Stabilization Fund request by \$25,000. Tom Davidson moved and Jonathan Calianos seconded to recommend that the CBC recommend favorable action. After a discussion of the merits of the project the CBC voted unanimously to support the motion.

Town Hall Renovation Committee Chair Kelley McElreath discussed that the bid opening was held today and that the bids come in higher and through adjustments by the Renovation Committee the bottom line is an increase of \$926,656 or 15% since the presentation to the CBC on February 6, 2013. The project has also increased \$1,312,740 or 23% since the Initial MKA Estimate.

Kelley McElreath explained which items were either cut or reduced from the project. It was mentioned by Mrs. McElreath that the MHC and the AAD had approved the project.

At this point a motion was made by Jonathan Calianos and seconded by Tom Davidson for the CBC to recommend favorable action on the article at the Annual Town Meeting. CBC Chairman Glowacki presented a paper he had written titled "A Report on the Renovation of the Upton Town Hall". Chairman Glowacki concluded in the report that alternatives to renovating the Town Hall could save the Town significant dollars. And that since these alternatives have not been studied that the Town Hall Renovation Project should be "tabled" until such time that the alternatives can be presented to the citizens. A lengthy discussion then took place in which the pros and cons of renovating the Town Hall were discussed. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2 with one abstention (Mr. O'Brien).

Mr. Varney then made a motion seconded by Jonathan Calianos to release the report. Mr. Varney withdrew his motion when it was determined that the action of reading the report automatically made it public and part of the minutes. Mr. Calianos then requested that the report be amended to include the vote of the CBC to not recommend favorable action. Chairman Glowacki agreed to amend the report.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Varney
Secretary to the Committee