

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 10, 2014

Members present: Jeffrey Gray, Patrick Barrett, Lisa Blackmer, Stephan Harasyko
Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Rosario Messina

Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Strategic Planning Committee present to review the building assessment and repair cost analysis report. Kathy Jacobs prepared and presented a power point review of which a copy is on file in the Selectmen's office.

Estimates only to bring the town buildings up to code excluding the highway dept. garage are:

Town Hall Annex	\$452,232
Old Town Hall	396,026
Library	335,010

Due to existing structural issues and the location repairing the garage would not be feasible. For a basic bare bones new DPW building the cost is approx \$1,525,000.

The Strategic Planning recommends not repairing the buildings as the repairs cost more than the buildings are valued at.

They are working on getting a credit rating for the town in order to be able to borrow and fund the project.

Discussed the need for a Master Plan. Discussed adding a line item to fund the Master Plan. Patrick explained the need for the position of a full time Town Administrator. This person will be the point person to proceed with facilitating the project. He feels strongly that we have the right person in place. We will add a line item for the master plan to cover the cost of consulting fees. The Town Admin. will get an estimate for this. Patrick and Jeff commended the Strategic Planning Committee for doing an excellent job on the presentation. They realize the amount of time and commitment their members have put into this project.

Discussed and reviewed the FY2015 budget

Discussed the stabilization budget. John Burrows prepared 4 options. Discussed whether we need a new police cruiser. The one they want to replace is a 2006 with only 54,000 miles on it. Patrick explained that it would make sense to buy the cruiser this year because the highway dept has an Intl that will not pass inspection next year and will need to be replace. Patrick suggested forgiving 2 items from Stabilization and add the cruiser on. Jeff responded that he had suggested that in the past but feels we should forgive 4 items. A lengthy discussion followed. It was agreed by all to forgive items 9 & 10 which are the final payments for the old ambulance and the last payment on the salt shed. Transfer from free cash for items 11 & 12 which are the final payments for 550 dump truck and 36gvw plow/sander. Kathy Jacobs asked suggested transferring from free cash also to cover the \$10,000 for the building assessment consulting fees. This was also agreed on.

Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to accept the letters of resignations from the Planning Board from Gary Bottum, Gene Riiska and Kathleen Segrin, and from the Board of Health from Kathleen Segrin.

Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to appoint Margaret O'Clair to the Board of Health until the annual town election. Patrick noted that Margaret has nobly served the board in the past.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Jeffrey Gray

Patrick Barrett