

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN January 3, 2012

Members Present: Selectmen Crichton, Ramsey, Murphy, Chambers, Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, TC Buckman and 25 members of the general public.

Meeting began @ 6:30PM

Selectmen Murphy took the time to introduce Rita Nappi the new Librarian.

The Board agreed to allow Geoff Aleva from Civil Consultants to open the Roof Re-Hab bids for the Fire Station. Benchmark Const. (\$66,654), Careno Const. (\$56,000), Mills Const. (\$58,500), North & South Const. (\$76,696), Risbara Const. (\$98,620.50), Kevin W. Smith & Son. (\$47,605), Dimateo Const. Services (\$72,000), Pellowe Const. (\$58,840), McLaughlin Builders (\$64,808). Bids and any action on bids were tabled until they are reviewed and the Board determines the method for payment of the project.

APPROVAL O MINUTES

MOTION Crichton second Chambers "approve minutes of December 20, 2011 as corrected" passed 5-0.

MOTION Chambers second Crichton "approve minutes of December 30, 2011 as presented" passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Oscar Stone questioned the ability of the town to have another use on the School Street Property without subdivision review and questioned the town's action with the review of the Affordable Housing Project.

Resident Dave Stolpe felt that because a majority of the Board is up for recall that the board should agree to table all action to purchase properties, sign contracts, and suspend or delay the budget process.

COMMUNICATIONS

Only action with review is that Selectmen James Ramsey submitted his resignation with regard to serving as Chairman of the Community Center Committee.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT PAYABLE WARRANTS

Motion Elton second Chambers "approve warrants W1227, 1225, and 1226 as reviewed" passed 5-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Selectmen Crichton asks for the name of his committee to be changed. *MOTION Murphy second Chambers "change the name of committee to Berwick Idle Property Committee" passed 5-0.* Selectmen Crichton also discussed the possibility of a Community Garden on town property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review & recommendation on Multi-purpose Roof Repair: MOTION Chambers second Elton “table approval or action on this matter until further notice” passed 3-2.

A general discussion took place with regard to the Funds available to perform maintenance work on Buildings and the bids received for repair of two roofs. \$55,000 is available and the two lowest bidders on both roofs combined equal \$60,495. Discussion also occurred that even with the roof bids that exterior wall work also needs to be considered at the Fire Station. Thoughts also were expressed if we wish to complete both roof jobs, how are we to accomplish this with the funding presently available. Moving funds from CIP accounts that are no longer being utilized was an alternative and the Board of Selectmen requested that the Town Manager have prepared a Special Town Meeting seeking the movement of funds from these existing CIP funds to the CIP Maintenance Account to not only repair both roofs but secure funds for the wall repair at the fire station. They also asked the Town Manager to place the wall repair of the Fire Station out to bid with a July or after startup date to see if we can determine the cost for the repair prior to the approval of the Municipal Operating Budget for the next fiscal year, to insure all funds needed are secured and available.

Designation of Public Property for placement of Informational Signs: Discussion occurred to establish locations for the placement of informational signs in town along with the assurances that the existing ordinance allows the placement without being in violation of the ordinance. Town Manager was asked to contact the Planning Board and CEO to have them weigh in on the concept proposal to see if the existing ordinance allows it or ordinance modifications are required and if they had any idea where on public property the placement of signs could be allowed.

ABATEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTALS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Jay Wheeler discussed CDBG Funding or possible economic development projects.

Resident Lana LaRochelle commented on possible location of an economic development idea and sought information on the Position of Health Officer.

Resident Mike Doran commented on the Decorum Policy.

Resident Steve Twombly commented on the Fire Station repairs.

Resident Dave Stolpe Commented on Taxes for the Affordable Housing project, Decorum Policy and his disappointment of not taking all guests out of order.

Selectmen Eleanor Murphy made statements on the need to have notarized documents in the Town Clerks office, Grant Authorizations, Old Cruiser out to bid, hiring of a trained Police Officer who lives in Town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 5-0 @ 8:26PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager