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Selectmen's Meeting
9:00 am – Town Offices

Friday, May 19, 2017

MINUTES

At 9:00 am, Chairman Wood called the Selectmen's meeting to order and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Selectmen met with the Library Trustees, Gordon Hunt, Paul Matlock and Mary Ann Murray, regarding the future building plans for the Library.

Library Trustees Chairman, Gordon Hunt, shared that he asked for this meeting with the Selectmen to discuss Skip Hurt's proposal to add on to the existing Library, to review SMP's engineering proposal for the addition, and if worth pursuing where the money should come from. The Library Trustees and Selectmen feel that whatever is best for the Town would be the best option worth pursuing, whether for a new building or an addition to the existing building.

Many points were discussed, such as concerns of the proposed addition, whether or not one or two warrant articles should be on the warrant in regards to this project, the potential savings of this recent proposal versus two standalone buildings (one for the Library and one for the Police Station) and if that amount would be worthwhile, the Library Trustees needing to be in agreement before pursuing either option, private funding versus taxpayer funding, the necessity of having to borrow money with either proposal, the pros and cons to spending money on further engineering studies, etc.

The majority of the group felt that it was important for just one warrant article to go to Town meeting. SMP can do an initial engineering proposal for Mr. Hurt's project in approximately one month. **After** reviewing the initial proposal, the Library Trustees felt that they could find agreement within themselves as to which option to move forward with. It was agreed that either option would require the need to borrow money and would require a 2/3 vote **at Town Meeting**.

It was agreed that it was worthwhile to have cost estimates done to show the numbers for this new project. Selectman Albee moved to allocate \$16,450 out of the Library Capital Reserve Fund for SMP to do an engineering conceptual design for the Library using the current library space, seconded by Chairman Wood for purposes of discussion. Gordon Hunt confirmed for Chairman Wood that this is the amount to start with. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hunt will confirm the timeline on receiving a response from SMP. Selectman Albee encouraged the Trustees to put other things in regards to the project out to bid.

During public input, the Selectmen responded to Elissa Paquette in regards to the funding for the design and next steps. Also in response to Ms. Paquette, Selectman Marcussen and Selectman Albee confirmed that they would not **support** having two competing Library proposals on the warrant.

Carla Lootens is **on the fundraising committee** for the Library and thanked the Selectmen for using the Capital Reserve money for the design proposal. She shared that this new proposal has put fundraising for the original project on hold. Although she is concerned that the 2005 proposed addition to the building didn't pass at Town Meeting she feels it is important to consider Mr. Hurt's proposal.

Chairman Wood moved to hold an additional meeting at 4:00 pm Monday to open the Lake Road boat ramp bids, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

At about 9:45 am, Selectman Marcussen moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Wood with all in favor.
Respectfully submitted, Karen Koch