



Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Present: Selectmen Sam Seppala, Roberta Oeser, Dan Aho, Town Administrator Carlotta Lilback Pini, and Executive Secretary Nicole Sesia

approved Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MEETING (5PM)

Ted Covert from the CIP Committee presented the recommendations of the new CIP plan for this year. The new safety building would cost 4-5 million dollars but is needed. The state came told Rick Donovan, Fire Chief that the fire house is not up to code. The Town is paying 76,000\$ a year for engine 2. Engine one needs to be replaced and maybe the Town could do another lease program. Rescue 1 Rick would like to put a new body on it (extend life 10 years). Having an ambulance being self-sufficient needs more research done. The only thing the Police Chief is asking for is a public safety building. The Highway Department would need a bunch of new trucks. The Highway Department needs a mower, to replace the sweeper and 2 different industrial mowers. Solid waste doesn't need anything. Library would like to finish the third floor project which would be about 60 thousand. The Recreation Department would really like a new van, which is the only large expense. Lighting and expanding the parking lot and ball field will all be put off. The Conservation Commission has money to take out and save some trees. Dave Duvernay needs about 25-30 thousand for the revaluation. The Meetinghouse Oversight Committee is hoping to keep getting grants and using the Ward fund for the repairs. Wellington Bridge the Town needs to put aside 18thousand a year to help fix.

Rick Donovan, Fire Chief explained that the last 2 years we haven't done much on the public safety building. The firehouse has some serious life safety issues. The building is in violation of the state life safety codes. There are holes cut in the floors to circulate heat from the bottom floor to the top. The bottom line is there are violations there and something needs to be done. Dan asked at what point do they need a sprinkler system? Rick stated that all fire stations need a sprinkler system. We need to do a heating system too properly and fire rate the building. Moving engine one to Franklin Pierce got us by a few years but does the Town want to pour money into this old building. How far are we going to spend on this building before we have to tear it down? The storage system for the sprinkler would take up a lot of space. NFPA requires a 3300 gallon minimum tank for sprinkler system. Is it worth it to get a new building or to spend \$350,000 on the old building and get by for a year or two. Roberta asked if there was enough electricity to have electric heat in the building? Rick explained there is not enough wattage to support the electric heat. Margaret Dylan's audit of the building was about \$50,000 a few years ago. Rick asked if the Board could help put together an action plan to design the Public Safety Building. Turning your back to the life safety issues is irresponsible. Chief Morrill is going to look at the plans for the Public Safety Building and seeing where he can cut. The Town insurance has told us that they are out looking at businesses and will site us for any violations. Sam asked if we have enough land to handle

a facility police/highway/fire. We have plenty of land. Dan- what was the building cost (highway garage started at 750thousand) (public safety 3.75mil). Rindge fire needs 7900est current use 11.2-11.5 est current use. Fifteen thousand square feet would probably accommodate both fire and police. Dan asked if we could build a building with only police and fire and then add on highway in the future. Carlotta suggested that each department have garage space, own offices, shared bathrooms, and meeting rooms. Rick there is a working relationship between all departments. Fifteen thousand estimate for fire and police, and thirty thousand for the highway estimate. The highest cost of the police is the cell area. We need a secure area for evidence and some cells for inmates. The building would have to concrete. What did tractor supply cost? Tractor supply cost about 2 million (twenty thousand feet). The highway part of the building could be a steel building in the back of the cement block. First floor was for the public and second floor was for storage. Once Chief Morrill looks at the plans and sees what we can cut out of the plans, we can come up with a good building idea. Dan would like to bring the building article onto the ballot when there is basically no other articles to accept. It passed the last time but needed to pass by 3/5ths and it didn't. Ted recommends a group of people to work on this. Holly Koski suggested that the Town establish an account (public facilities account) in case someone would like to donate to the warrant article. Pat Martin announced that November 15th is the deadline to put a letter into the Community Newsletter to get people to discuss the problems of the buildings.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Kelen Geiger of 32 Spruce Ave complained about Woodmere association and Florence Avenue issues. Roberta did some research since the last meeting. Monday September 30th The Conservation Commission was down at Woodmere Beach. Woodmere does not exist as far as Ms. Geiger could find. The previous concern of Ms. Geiger of rain water coming into her property, did not happen. When it rained water ran into her neighbor's property. Ms. Geiger went down to the wetlands and saw more brush and more stumps and a car seat were placed into the former pile. They did take the docks and the swim lines out. There are still docks out there and the shed is still down there, along with a boat ramp and they are storing boats on the beach. The porta-potty is still down there. There is a chain up, chaining in the brush/debris pile. Dave Duvernay is looking into the violations. Roberta explained that the town only has authority to take care of the violations. The Town doesn't have authority to do anything about the chain or the walking paths.

Larry Cleveland talked about the NH Planning Grant. Mr. Cleveland questioned the Board on how closely they have reviewed the applications. It is allowed to take out of the budget to send out flyers and Carlotta had stated that we could not afford to send flyers to everyone in town. Sam agreed that the Board should definitely look into these grants and make sure that it is not harming the town's assets. The Board has signed some grants that were mistakes but others have been great. Sam I don't think that we would ever be forced to build more low income housing. The zoning the grant requires allows higher density in a cluster development and mobile home parks which we already allow. A lot of the lots in the West Rindge Revitalization area are smaller but some of the bigger ones will have the option to split their lots. Roberta explained the Town still has final say on anything and we are protected from a builder coming in and taking over the Town. Builders get grants from government agencies but the town doesn't have to accept the grant. Sam asked if the citizens are coming to request returning the grant money and Mr. Cleveland stated yes they are. The town received the grant for Payson Village through HUD. We have received several grants that would be very costly to return. We are already in compliance with the grant so they won't ask us to build more low income housing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Roberta made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll for 10/9 and 10/16. Dan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Roberta made a motion to accept April 4th minutes. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Scott Muhonen has submitted a request to display some religious brochures in the office. There are various brochures on the desk that talk about tourist attractions, bugs and others on housing. It is religious so if you say yes you can't say no to other religions.

Dan made a motion to accept the brochures Roberta seconded the motion. Discussion:

Dan thinks that it's not a bad thing to have this out there but Roberta thinks that we don't need to provide tourist services. Sam suggested to only displaying town business or state business. Carlotta asked what if we just have Town information displayed. Dan and Sam agree all or nothing. Roberta doesn't think it's appropriate for the town office to accept advertising.

Two in favor of the motion one opposed.

Dan makes a motion that Scott Muhonen can display the brochures on the counter as long as it is a smaller holder. Roberta seconded and two voted in favor of the motion, one opposed.

Mike had one bid for the winter sand from C&C Trucking, which is only \$.30 more than last year. He is asking the Board for acceptance.

Roberta made a motion to award the bid C&C Trucking. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

We are still working on setting the tax rate. Ellen is waiting on the auditor to give us the MS5. Karen Gray from the School, is willing to let us float until we get a tax rate.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / COMMUNICATION

Mr. Lindell is suing the town. Carlotta will be speaking with Gary Kinyon about any legal ramifications this has.

Fire call stats for August and September were handed out.
The hazard Mitigation Plan was approved.

Roberta made a motion to go into nonpublic for reputation RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor.

Roberta made a motion to go out of nonpublic for reputation and into nonpublic for personnel RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for Personnel. Sam seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor.

Adjournment