

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: January 30, 2013

Time: 7:16 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray and Dan Meunier

7:16 p.m.: North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee Briefing: (Peter Collins, OPM; Robert Templeton, Building Committee Chair and Superintendent Joan Landers). Robert Templeton is out of town and could not attend. He was represented by Joan Landers.

Presentation given by Peter Collins: Brief overview of Feasibility Study Phase Schedule. He is Project Manager for the High School. There are a few changes in the study as this one is dated December 3, 2012. 8 proposals have been submitted from designers. They have narrowed this down to 3 and they have been notified by the State. They will now be interviewed to select a company. Over the next several weeks there will be several informational and cost meetings and these will be presented to all 3 towns for their approval. After this process is complete it will be presented to the Selectmen for further evaluation and finally to the residents of all towns. Monthly updates will be provided to the Selectmen.

PM states once the Selectmen have set the Town Meeting date, it cannot be changed.

JL states the School Board may give the MSBA 45 days lead time to set up meetings with them.

PM Question: Will the plan brought forward be what the MSBA recommends and what the State will agree to fund?

Answer: Yes

JL stated that in a previous dealing with another school and the MSBA it was found that a new school was the most cost effective way to have a state of the art school. This was not necessarily what would work here but she wanted to put that out there.

Question: Citizen - What phase are we in now?

Answer: This phase is the feasibility study only at this time.

DM Question: What is PC company cost for services?

PC: Answer was explained to DM.

Citizen: Does your company do the projecting that the project will be based on?

PC Answer: Yes, his company does put together projections for the future.

JL states that the enrollment rate has been set at 870 students for a projection of enrollment for the future and for using as a model for a new school. She also cited several examples of what some of the important issues of the new school or a remodeling project would be.

PM Question: What would the time line be for the starting of the actual building project to begin (In a perfect world) a "shovel could be in the ground" in the fall of 2014 or the spring of 2015. The building would be ready for occupancy possibly 2017-2018 school years.

2) Motion to approve minutes January 16, 2012 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

3) Warrant # W29P approve and sign on Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$50,874.47 subject to further review

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

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- 4) Warrant # W30B approve and sign on Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$782,247.19 subject to further review. (Third installment to the NMRHS District is a large portion of this amount.)

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

- 5) Warrant # W30B-1 approve and sign on Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$3,633.50 subject to further review. (This is for CBDG expenses)

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

- 6) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #13-05 to Zoning Board Expense Account for \$306.08. (Advertising in paper for hearings).

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

- 7) Motion to accept the resignation of David Boutwell from the Historic District Commission, effective immediately. PM thanked him for his time on the Commission.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

- 8) Motion to approve and sign on Ambulance Receivable Write-offs. (\$1840.13)

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

- 9) Motion to approve and sign on amended Police Union Contract. Errors have been corrected Contract is for 3 years.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

8:05 p.m. State Representative Harrington presented an overview of what is going on with the Governor's budget and his cuts. They are going to ask for some of the cuts he made to be restored. The State Reps are committed to stopping the tax increase and she feels that a lot of these increases are "not going to fly" and residents should not be overly concerned at this point. Gun Control issues are big this year and they are working on this.

Drug Lab issues are high on the list and she expects that this budget will increase considerably. She does not see the income tax increase going thru.

She is hoping the public will see an improvement within the next few months as far as the Government body make-up is.

PM Question: Should the Chapter 90 monies be used right away or saved?

Answer: She is getting back to them, feels probably if not spent within a reasonable time they would look at whether they should get a reduction in monies.

The Selectmen thanked her for coming.

- 10) Motion to approve and sign on One Day Liquor License to Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for the purpose of an Ice Fishing Derby on February 2, 2013 #388.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

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11) Motion to approve and sign on One Day Liquor License to Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for the purpose of an Ice Fishing Derby on February 16, 2013 #389.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

12) Motion for Selectmen to sign on a Letter of Thanks to J&R Glass. Glass replaced at the Library and J&R fixed it at a reduced cost to the Town. Letter read by DM.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Cable Advisory Board Hearing Date Discussion: Public hearing has been postponed from Feb. 13th until BOS meeting on March 27, 2013.

Any other business not reasonable anticipated by the Chairman:

13) Motion to approve and sign on Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$294,521.16.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by Chairman McMurray
Nomination papers are now available for public office.

Public Comments (if any): Lillian Whitney has concerns about the EMS and Fire Departments. Has not spoken to the head of these departments. Wants this to go through BOS. Was told to go see the Department Head. PM agreed to give list of questions to the Department Head.

14) Motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____