

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Working Session

Minutes of

January 10, 2008

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM. Board members present in addition to Chairman McArdle were Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, and Dick Carlson and Boyd Jackson. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder, & Board Secretary Donna Rich were in attendance. Other persons present were Heidi Fox, Chairman Town Hall Building Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall Building Committee Report Review: Chairman McArdle began by posing the question to the Board of "where does the Board stand on the issue of the Town Hall and should it be placed on the 2008 Town Warrant". There was discussion on the options as presented in the Committee's report, specifically GLC Development Resources LLC of Boston MA letter dated November 2, 2007. The letter outlines services that GLC could provide as insight into options for the Town Hall, along with costs. Ms. Wilder noted that there was a Contracted Services line item with a balance of \$6,000. Selectman Clark made a motion to spend \$3,500 from the Contracted Service account to have GLC perform the feasibility study on renovations to the existing Town Hall for a price quoted at \$2,500 and \$1,000 for meetings and memo preparation, second by Selectman Carlson; so voted 4-1, with Selectman Gandt opposing. After further conversation on the offerings of the GLC Development Resources LLC Selectman Gandt made a motion to spend an additional \$2,500 from the Contracted Services line item to have GLC perform the adaptive re-use study for Town Hall, seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted 3-2, Chairman McArdle and Selectman Clark opposed. Ms. Wilder gave an update regarding the environmental studies that have been completed or in the process. John Coulon, BOH Agent has tested for lead paint and found none in walls and ceilings. Additional testing will be done in the Great Hall. Asbestos testing is being researched, and there is no real test for mold.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rail Trail Town Debate: Ms. Wilder stated that the Board has said they will sponsor the Town wide debate with the Moderator Kinhan agreeing to facilitate the event. The Selectmen's office staff will do the physical part of scheduling the event such as the place, time etc. It was discussed that the purpose of the debate was to minimize the time spent at Town Meeting educating the residents on the topic before the residents vote the issue on the Ballot. Selectman Clark would like Ms. Wilder to ask Town Counsel what the legality of the results is if a question passes at Town Meeting and not at the Ballot or visa versa, and are either questions binding votes.

Warrant Articles: There was a list of Warrant Articles distributed and discussion related those items.

At 10:05AM, Selectman Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Gandt, so vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the January 22, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.