

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 5:30 PM

Members present: Linda Cook, Chair; Christopher Ashley; Steve Flanders; Dan Goulet; Mary Layton; Neil Fulton, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were about 23 people in the audience.

Also participating: Doug Barba, Milton Frye, Linda Gray, Corlan Johnson, Suzanne Lupien, Charlotte Metcalf, Richard Neugass, Harry Roberts, Demo Sofronas, Nick Thiltgen.

Cook opened the meeting at 5:31 pm. Cook said the Selectboard meeting rules are posted and asked that the audience be respectful, address comments to the Chair and refrain from clapping.

1. Fire, Police and Public Works Facilities (Discussion/Possible Action Item).

a) Efficiency Vermont Presentation. Thiltgen, from Efficiency Vermont, had prepared a handout with basic information which he reviewed. The slides reviewed building efficiency measures, efficiency scenarios, considerations and the Efficiency Vermont program. The cost is built in to the program at \$10 per square foot.

b) Review Adopted Program. Fulton made changes to the programs based on the April 8th meeting revisions.

c) Review Costs. d) Tax Impacts and Smoothing. Flanders reviewed his two memos in the packet, Bond Rate Impact on Taxpayers and Smoothing Tax Impacts of Bonds. There was considerable discussion regarding the first of two suggested motions put forth by Flanders limiting the total cost of the public safety building and Public Works construction to \$2.5 million. Afterwards, the motion was not put forth. After some discussion, Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) that the Selectboard pledge to limit taxation needed to fund facilities construction to no more than a penny on the tax rate greater than that needed for debt retirement in FY15 and to leave an Undesignated Fund balance that allows future Selectboards to do the same. **Motion passed 3 to 2** (yes – Ashley, Flanders and Goulet; no – Cook and Layton).

e) Schedule for Public Forums, Informational Meeting and Special Town Meeting. April 29th, May 4th and May 7th were selected for the public forum dates. All will start at 7 pm.

f) Public Forum Presentations. Flanders suggested using the February 23rd public forum presentation as a starting point and marking it up. After discussion, Ashley **moved** (2nd Layton) that Flanders put a proposal together for Selectboard review at next week's meeting. **Motion passed.**

g) Mailing. Fulton pointed out that there is no money in the budget for a mailing. Cook thinks the public needs to be made aware of the dates at the very least. Flanders will design for review at the April 22nd meeting.

h) Declaration of Official Intent for Bonds. After some questions and discussion, Flanders **moved** (2nd Ashley) to approve and adopt the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness based on a bond authorization amount of not to exceed \$2,805,000 if Article I passes and \$3,016,000 if Articles I and II pass based on the Town Meeting vote on May 12, 2015 and authorize the appropriate signatures. **Motion passed 3 to 2** (yes – Ashley, Flanders and Layton; no – Cook and Goulet).

i) Other Related Issues. No actions taken.

Goulet **moved** (2nd Ashley) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on May 13, 2015.

By Nancy Kramer
Assistant to the Town Manager

Linda Cook
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – April 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM

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SELECTBOARD.