

Selectmen's Meeting
March 6, 2006

The Selectmen were scheduled to have their weekly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. Selectmen Johnson and Wheeler had already called to say that they were sick. Selectmen Charles Cheney and Jon Homer were present. It was then learned that Selectman McGarr was out of Town so the Board did not have a quorum to have a meeting. Selectmen Cheney and Homer decided to review and sign the manifest, and several Residency Applications that were received.

At 7:30 p.m. a taxpayer was scheduled to come and discuss his tax agreement. The Selectmen explained that they could not make a decision tonight, but could pass along the information to the other Board Members next week. The gentlemen explained his situation, and what arrangements he could make.

At 7:45 p.m., architect Michael Piazza came in, and he stayed to discuss the upcoming warrant article on the Fire Station Sub-Station. Selectman Homer indicated that he had discussed the bond amount of \$320,000 with some of the taxpayers in Town, and they had some reservations about the cost of this project. Mike explained that the price included contingencies and left some room for uncertain prices in construction costs before the project would start. He indicated that he anticipates that the price would come in lower, and that the amount of the successful bid would determine the amount to be bonded. Selectman Cheney indicated that it would be helpful if the Board had a breakdown from soup to nuts as to what is included in the \$320,000. Mike indicated that he could do that and off the top of his head he could think of some items like drilling a well that could run from \$10,000 to \$12,000, an air filtering system for the exhaust from the trucks which runs around \$15,000, paving which runs around \$45.00 a ton. Selectman Homer indicated that he felt that there were places where cuts could be made. He quoted the old saying of getting by with "gasoline, guns, and butter". He questioned the necessity of an office. Mike indicated that when the crew gets back from a run, there is paperwork to be filled out and filed. Both Selectmen suggested maybe the ell part of the building could be eliminated, and the back of the building extended, and the office area put there. Mike also suggested to the Selectmen that they discuss with the other Board Members keeping the gathering of names for the building committee to a set deadline, and then limiting the amount of members on the committee to around five people. He also indicated that he would not relinquish his authority to anyone when it came to the duties of the architect. The Board and Mike also discussed whether borings were needed or not to determine whether there was ledge on the land. Selectmen Cheney and Homer did not think it was necessary given that Luther Haartz who sold us the land has built a number of homes in the area, and has had no problems with ledge. It was agreed that Mike would return next week when the whole Board was present, and have the breakdown of the costs available to review before Town Meetings.

The two Board Members adjourned their informal meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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