

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 29, 2002
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
"APPROVED"

Present: Chairman Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk Dann Chamberlin, Member Thomas P. McCuin Jr., Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen and Administrative Secretary Regina Hull.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm

Lost Lake Fire Station

Brooks Lyman, Chairman of the Municipal Space Needs Committee introduced Rob Meyer of Ammondson Architects, Inc. The estimated price for the fire station addition is \$1,450,000. It is a two story building with a basement and the attic is designed so it could be used in the future. The hard costs were \$1,200,000 which did not include a contingency, vehicle exhaust system or air conditioning of occupied space. The cost per square foot is \$155.

Tom Hartnett noted that the first year bonding cost would be \$145,000 and it would decrease in subsequent years. It would add \$.135 on the tax rate which computed to \$26 for a \$200,000 and \$39 for a \$300,000 home

Mr. Chamberlin noted that he did not feel comfortable in supporting the vast increase in cost a half an hour before town meeting.

Mr. Hartnett, committee member and Town Treasurer noted that he had made the initial cost estimate of \$750,000 based on square footage cost.

Mr. Cunningham suggested that this article be postponed until the second night. Mr Lyman suggested that it should be heard tonite or it could be postponed to the fall but the cost would probably go up.

Bob Collins, committee member mentioned that the estimate was at a very efficient price.

Mr. McCuin stated that it was bad form to bring forward more than had been initially envisioned.

Mr. Cunningham did not think it was good to go forward tonite. He would talk to the moderator.

Early Retirement

Mr. Hartnett said that the numbers still show a cost of \$14,000 but the article probably not come up tonite. He has talked with Roger Beeltje at GELD who has come up with a savings for his department of \$60,000. GELD commissioners are meeting Wed. night because they were unaware of this.

Mr. Chamberlin asked Mr. Hartnett if he could figure out who would start at higher than step 1. He replied that the Police Chief doesn't think he can hire his people at step 1.

Mr. Hartnett presented another scenario if the Asst. Tax Collector is appointed to his position and give her a \$15,000 raise and fill her current position with a part time person for \$15,000-\$18,000 there could be a \$30,000 savings which could go towards financing a finance director.

Appointed Treasurer/Collector

Many people have come to him recently about keeping his position elected. He has mixed feelings and one problem is that he was on the committee who recommended 5 member of the Board of Selectmen. He will tell both sides of appointed vs. elected. A lot of towns are going to appointed. The applicant pool will be wider. He is leaning towards appointed. He is disappointed that there is no article for a 5 member Board of Selectmen. Mr. Cunningham mentioned that the Selectmen had asked the Town Government Study Committee for their recommendation and were still waiting

for that.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrative Officer Salary

Mr. Cunningham felt strongly about supporting a salary of \$66,210 for the Administrative Officer. Selectmen Chamberlin and McCuin agreed.

Selectmen Cunningham left to talk with the Finance Committee

Town Meeting

Article 12-recycling shed, Selectman McCuin still does not support

Article 23-the Fin Com has not recommended the Squannacook Hall roof this year. John Estabrook, Building Maintenance Supervisor feels that it can be put off for a year as it is not leaking. The Selectmen concur.

Election Workers appointment

Motion by Mr. McCuin to appoint the following Election Workers for a term of one year to expire on June 30, 2003: Caleb Brown, Ellen Brown, Onorina Maloney, Matthew Shuman, Melanie Clark as Clerk, Christopher Mills as Clerk, Louise Gaskins as Warden, and Karen Tuomi as Warden. Motion seconded and voted unanimously.

April 16, 2002 Minutes

Motion by Mr. McCuin to approve the April 16, 2002 regular session minutes. Voted unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30PM Mr. McCuin move to adjourn. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Approved: _____
Dann Chamberlin, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted
Jean E. Kitchen
Administrative Officer