

October 2, 2012

Minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held via e-mail on October 2, 2012.

The following is an e-mail sent by Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant & Board of Finance Secretary, to the members of the Washington Board of Finance:

Barbara Brown, Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Gary Fitzherbert, Michael Jackson, Craig Schoon, Arthur DuBois, Liddy Adams and Ted Bent:

"I have been asked by the Board of Selectmen to contact the Board of Finance regarding a request to waive purchasing requirements for a new boiler. At the Board of Selectmen's meeting last night the bid for a new boiler was awarded to the Scoville Company for \$97,348, pending approval of funding. It is the Selectmen's opinion that a new boiler is in the best interest of the Town rather than repairing the former boiler since sufficient damage to that boiler had been done during the explosion.

Section 6 of the Town's Purchasing Ordinance (#508) allows that when an emergency exists by reason of extraordinary conditions or contingencies that could not reasonably be foreseen, a waiver to the Purchasing Ordinance requirements may be requested and approved by the Board of Finance. Since there is no heat or hot water in the town hall until the burner is replaced, which would take several weeks, the Selectmen are requesting the Board of Finance give their approval to proceed to this end. With insurance assistance, it is anticipated approximately \$80,000 will be needed.

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Chair Michael Jackson have approved waiving the Purchasing Ordinance requirement, which would mean we could proceed with the project as soon as possible. Michael has asked for your approval of this waiver by e-mail as soon as possible. If the waiver was not approved we would have to schedule a special town meeting which could not be held until October 9th. This would delay the replacement another few weeks. If you approve of this waiver, the Selectmen and Michael will inform the townspeople of this expenditure at the town meeting scheduled for this coming Monday, October 1st.

Could you please let me know if you approve this action as soon as possible."

The following votes were recorded from e-mails received at the Selectman's Office, which are attached with the original minutes:

In favor: Barbara Brown, Jack Boyer, Gary Fitzherbert, Michael Jackson, Craig Schoon, Liddy Adams, Ted Bent

Against: None.

Abstained: Rex Swain.

The request to proceed with this proposal was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow, Secretary

