

October 16, 2006

Michael Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Finance Board: Jack Boyer, Barbara Brown, Jack Field, Michael Jackson, Craig Schoon, Rex Swain

Alternates: Liddy Adams, John Allen, Jim Brinton

Selectmen: Richard Sears, Mark Lyon

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Guests: Valerie Andersen

Minutes: Minutes of the September 18, 2006 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Tax Collector's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Financials: Accepted as submitted. A letter will be sent to the State Department of Public Safety regarding invoices received for police work dating back to the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Old Business:

Education Construction: Jack Field updated the Board on the recent focus on the "build to suit" options as reported in the Press, as well as the Board of Education Subcommittee's investigation of a possible site for a primary school. A lengthy discussion ensued. Concern was raised as to the towns eligibility for State reimbursement if the buildings are owned by each town and not by the school district. It was suggested the State might provide assistance if an Inter-municipal Agreement could be reached between the B of E and the three towns. It was suggested the legality of the "build to suit" option should be provided to the towns by the Board of Ed. The plans for all buildings should be reviewed to insure educational obligations would be met by each town if this is to be considered. If the option to purchase land is considered, 15% of the cost could be reimbursed by the State.

It was agreed that First Selectman Sears would write to the Board of Education regarding the "build to suit" option, noting that the Town's plan had been given to S/L/A/M and the Steering Committee as our final plan. Costs derived by this team would be the numbers that would be given to the Board of Ed for a total cost for a referendum. The letter would outline the Town's understandings that educational specs would be met, that we could not count on receiving state aid and that each town would be expected to pay their own costs, including debt service and operating costs. .

Selectman's Report:

Dick reported on several projects:

STEAP Grant: The Senior Center Bridge & Canoe Brook Restabilization project and the Town Garage Site/Storage Shed project are progressing nicely. The Town is requesting STEAP grant reimbursements as the projects progress. .

Boat Ramp: We have received DOT and DEP approvals and are moving into obtaining local approvals.

Highway Director: The Selectmen will interviews for candidates for the newly-created position of Highway Director. Roger Cannavaro will continue as Road Foreman. Two recent retirees have allowed the Town the option to fill this position, which the Selectmen feel will greatly benefit the Town.

Executive Session: The Board entered Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible real estate acquisition.

The Board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary