

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

5 February 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, and Lynn Sweet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Jim Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jost, Dan Phelan, Bill Vance, Carol Reynolds Johnson, Jason Grant and Chris Bane were among those attending.

Members of the Strafford Energy Committee attended to discuss the proposed building and energy efficiency. Energy efficient heating systems and insulation were mentioned, and the need to make people aware of the long range savings. Possible rebates from PSNH and Energy Star were mentioned. Group was interested in looking at the design proposal and noted that there are economical ways to improve energy efficiency. Thermostats that automatically cut output/heat back when building is not in use were among those mentioned. Board suggested they speak with Tony Fallon and Michael Whitcher for specifics on lighting fixtures, floor plan and exterior. Proposed building does meet State's energy code. Board noted that they received 3 bids. The three bids and buildings were discussed. Board advised that they were working primarily with a specific dollar amount and what each could provide in that range. Anticipated site work was briefly discussed. The Committee also expressed interest in having Jordan Institute review the proposed design and make a presentation including the information on energy efficiency. Board will advise Mr. Whitcher and Tony Fallon of the Committee's interest in meeting with them. Mr. Leighton advised that the committee could make an amendment to the proposal at Town Meeting.

Chris Bane and Jason Grant discussed the proposed School renovations, proposed Town Office and temporary location for Town operations (including associated costs) with suitable access, time table for both projects, possible use of a modular, possibility of "pushing back" the opening for the beginning of School to after Labor Day.

There was discussion regarding the site work, costs and Mr. Leighton "backing up" his estimated costs for the project by doing the project, if necessary, to keep within budget. No one present voiced any objections.

After short discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted to waive the timber tax associated with the cut on the Town Forest. (Note: Mrs. Brown was contacted by phone and placed her vote in favor of waiving the timber tax.)

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.